

INFORMATION DIARY

1. ACCIDENT INFORMATION:

Date and time of accident _____

Location of Accident: _____

2. OTHER DRIVER INFORMATION:

Operator Name _____

Operator Address _____

Operator Phone Number _____

Vehicle License Plate Number _____

Vehicle Make, Model, and Year _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Policy # _____

Witnesses:

Name, address, & phone number _____

Name, address, & phone number _____

4. TOW COMPANY INFORMATION:

Name, address, & phone number _____

5. POLICE INFORMATION:

Precinct _____

Report No. _____

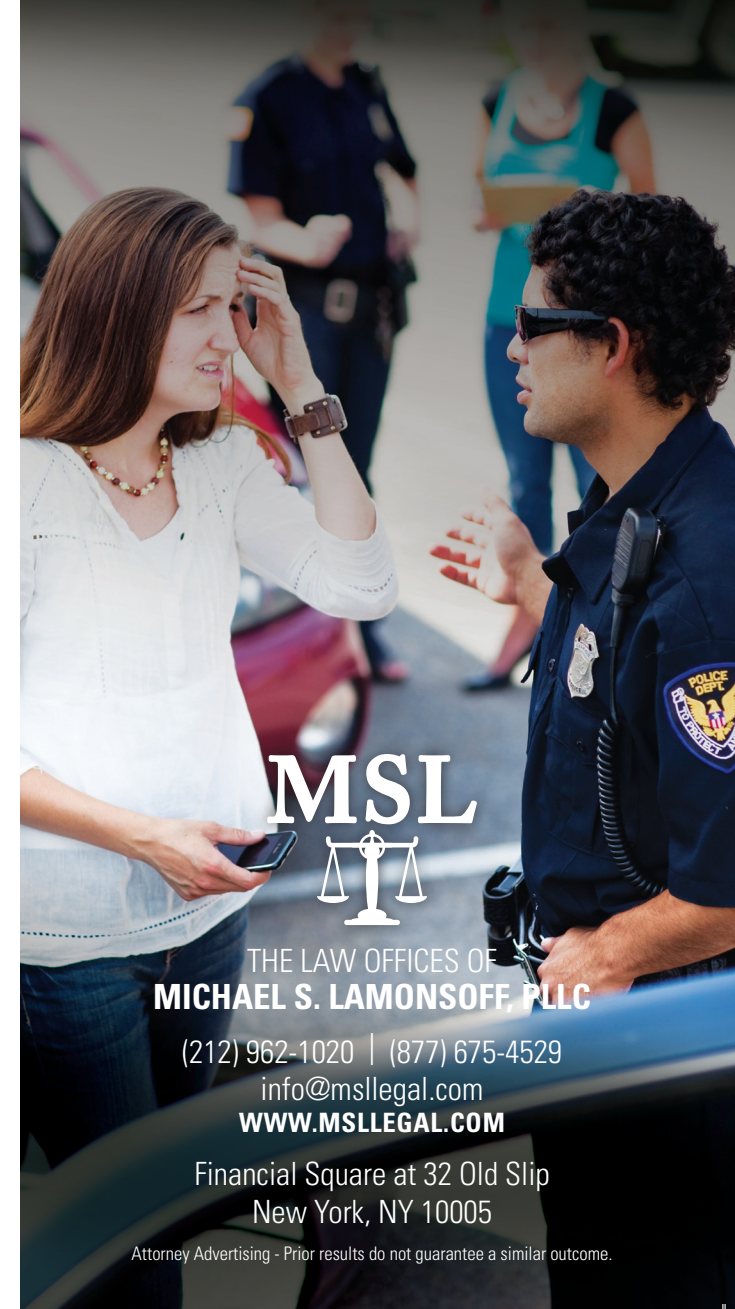
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AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE.

You can protect your legal rights if you know what to do. This guide can help you if you are involved in an auto accident. Keep it in your glove compartment.

STOP YOUR CAR!

If you are involved in an accident, you should stop your car as close to the accident scene as is safely possible. Leaving the scene of an automobile accident is considered a crime for which you can be prosecuted. Remain at the scene of the accident until police arrive. Check your medical condition and that of any other occupants of the vehicle.

CONTACT THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY

Call the police at the scene of the accident immediately and respectfully insist that they come to the scene and make a report. Inform them if you need an ambulance. Do not allow anyone, including the police, to convince you not to make the report. Wait for the police to arrive, even if they take an extremely long time. Filing a police report protects your rights. If a report is not filed to the police, the consequences can be huge. A police report will help ensure that you are not later blamed for the accident. In addition, it will assist you if your insurance company attempts to raise your policy rate.

ACCIDENT VICTIMS BEWARE OF AMBULANCE CHASERS & RUNNERS

Beware of people who arrive at the accident scene and solicit you to go to a lawyer and/or doctor. They are scam artists who are paid by doctors and lawyers to illegally solicit you.

GATHER INFORMATION COMPLETELY

The Accident Information Diary located at the end of this booklet details the information you will need to protect your rights. In the event you are involved in an accident, make sure you fill out the diary completely.

SPEAKING WITH THE OTHER DRIVER AND/OR POLICE

Do not say anything at the scene of the accident that might be used against you later, such as "I am sorry." While it is human nature to say such things, you may find out later that the accident was completely the fault of the other driver. Do not start a fight or altercation with the occupant(s) of the other motor vehicle. Such actions will only lead to further misfortune down the road.

WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE

When the police arrive, politely insist that a report is made. Remember, the police are very busy. They respond to thousands of accidents each year. **Do not allow the police to convince you that you can file a report later.** The police report protects your rights and can protect you from a rise in your insurance rate. If police present you with an MV104 Form and suggest you fill it out at a later time, decline. **This is not a police form.**

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TOWING YOUR CAR

If your automobile needs to be towed, let the police call a tow truck. Get the name, address, and telephone number of the tow company before you allow them to take your car. Make sure you are aware of the towing and storage fees.

IF YOU ARE INJURED, GO TO THE HOSPITAL

If you are injured, go to the hospital to have your medical conditions checked out. If you are in need of an ambulance, ask for one. If not, proceed to the hospital after providing all relevant information. If you are injured and do not go to the hospital, have your medical condition checked as soon as possible.

CONTACT YOUR LAWYER IMMEDIATELY

Call a lawyer! Your lawyer can advise you about how to protect your rights and what your responsibilities are. You should get the advice of a lawyer before you call your own insurance company. Your lawyer will also take statements from any witnesses before their memories grow "dim." Finally, you have a very short timeframe in which to file certain applications with your insurance company. For these and many other reasons, it is imperative to contact your lawyer as soon as possible.

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