

WHAT TO DO IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

This is the information that you never want to need, but it is a good idea to read through it so in case you are in an accident, you will be prepared.

Make the scene safe

- Do not panic. Remain calm and alert.
- Turn off the car engine, put on the handbrake and put on your indicators or hazard lights and headlights (especially if it's dark) to warn other vehicles of the accident. Some new cars have a safety triangle that you can place on the road.
- Exit the car if you can. If you are trapped in the vehicle try to stay relaxed and wait for help.
- Do not smoke around any petrol/oil spills or naked flames.

Assess and ask if anyone is injured

Make a quick assessment of the scene and look for any trapped or injured people in the vehicles involved. Have a look around the scene to see if there is anyone looking disorientated, or perhaps an injured pedestrian lying close by. Call 112 from your cell phone for emergency assistance.

Assist injured people

If someone involved in the accident is unconscious or seriously hurt, only move them if they are in immediate danger.

When moving an injured person, be cautious around any obvious cuts, open wounds or broken bones. Be very careful not to twist the neck or back of an injured person.

If a motorcyclist has been hurt, lift their helmet visor to see if they are OK, but do not remove their helmet.

Safety Tip

Be aware that other vehicles and pedestrians will still be using the road. Be careful around the accident site. Do not stand in the middle of the road looking at your car. Find a safe area to stand or sit as you wait for assistance.

Calling Emergency Services (112)

Be calm and clear when ringing for help and remember to state:

- The location of the accident, with the nearest cross street if you know it.
- Number of people trapped or injured.
- Any fallen powerlines or flammable liquids spilling.

What information do I need?

If your car was involved in the accident then there are a few more things that you need to do before you leave the scene.

It is important to exchange details with the other driver/s involved in the accident.

Try to remember the sequence of events of the accident. Use diagrams or photos to capture accident details that might otherwise be forgotten.

FPM Accident Report card

We have attached a copy of the FPM Accident Report Card. Keep a copy of this, together with a pen and disposable camera in the glove compartment of your vehicle and be prepared.

If you would like a printed copy of this report card please contact us.

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