

# KEEP THIS BROCHURE IN YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT

## IF A CAR ACCIDENT HAPPENS

- **CALL 911** to get help for anyone hurt and for police assistance. The police will prepare an accident report which will provide valuable information for your claim.
- **GATHER THE INFORMATION** listed on the next page (if physically able to) ----->
- **TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS** of all vehicles and any injuries.
- **DO NOT DISCUSS** the accident with anyone, except to answer questions asked by the police.
- **SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION** for any injuries.

## AFTER THE ACCIDENT

- ✓ **CALL US IMMEDIATELY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION.** The time right after the accident can be vital to your claim. Evidence is gathered, witnesses are interviewed and other case elements are developed. Also, there are time limits for making claims.
- ✓ **CALL EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU WERE PARTLY AT FAULT.** You may still be entitled to a recovery.
- ✓ **DO NOT TALK TO THE OTHER SIDE'S INSURANCE COMPANY** without first consulting us. You are not legally obligated to speak to the other insurance company.
- ✓ **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first consulting us.

## OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION

### OTHER DRIVERS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVER'S LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE CO. \_\_\_\_\_  
POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER VEHICLES

MAKE/MODEL \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_  
VEHICLE ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

### WITNESSES

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_  
BADGE # \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT TO DO IF STOPPED BY THE POLICE

YOU SHOULD NEVER OPERATE A VEHICLE AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL OR ANY TYPE OF DRUG, INCLUDING MEDICATION, THAT CAN IMPAIR YOU. IF YOU ARE PULLED OVER BY THE POLICE, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

### BEFORE

1. SIGNAL AND PULL OVER QUICKLY AND SAFELY.
2. ROLL DOWN YOUR WINDOW AND TURN OFF THE CAR.
3. KEEP YOUR HANDS ON THE WHEEL, ACT CALM AND POLITE.
4. WAIT FOR THE OFFICER TO ASK FOR ANY DOCUMENTS. DON'T RUMMAGE THROUGH YOUR CAR. THIS IS SUSPICIOUS.
5. STAY IN YOUR CAR UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.

### DURING

1. TREAT THE OFFICER WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT.
2. LET THE OFFICER SPEAK FIRST... DON'T BE AGGRESSIVE.
3. DO NOT INCRIMINATE YOURSELF: NEVER ADMIT GUILT.
4. DO NOT MAKE EXCUSES, LIE OR BEG.
5. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. SIMPLY TELL THE OFFICER THAT YOU PREFER NOT TO ANSWER.
6. THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT YOU SUBMIT TO A FIELD SOBRIETY TEST; POLITELY REFUSE A REQUEST.
7. YOU ARE LAWFULLY OBLIGATED TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST - "IMPLIED CONSENT LAW". KEEP IN MIND THE TEST MAY PROVIDE CONVINCING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF INTOXICATION. YOU CAN REFUSE THE TEST. IF YOU REFUSE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR LICENSE FOR 1 YEAR, AND 2 YEARS FOR A 2ND REFUSAL. A THIRD REFUSAL IS A CRIME ITSELF.
8. DO NOT GIVE YOUR CONSENT TO ANY SEARCHES.

### AFTER

1. IF YOU HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, REMAIN COOPERATIVE.
2. REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS...KEEP SILENT.
3. YOU HAVE 30 DAYS FROM YOUR ARREST TO CHALLENGE THE SUSPENSION OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.
4. HIRE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.