

## NEW YORK STATE

# CAR ACCIDENT CHECKLIST

### 1. Stay Calm & Check for Injuries

- Take a deep breath and stay as calm as possible.
- Check yourself and passengers for injuries.
- If anyone is injured, call 911 immediately.

### 2. Ensure Safety

- If possible, move your vehicle to a safe location to avoid blocking traffic.
- Turn on hazard lights to alert other drivers.
- If safe, exit your vehicle and remain in a secure area.

### 3. Call the Police

- Dial 911 to report the accident.
- Request medical assistance if needed.
- Obtain the police officer's name, badge number, and report number.

### 4. Exchange Information

Collect the following details from all involved drivers:

- Full Name:
- Phone Number:
- Address:
- Driver's License Number:
- License Plate Number:
- Vehicle Make, Model, and Year:
- Insurance Company & Policy Number:

### 5. Gather Evidence

- Take clear photos of all vehicles involved, license plates, damages, skid marks, traffic signals, and road conditions.
- If there are witnesses, ask for their contact information.
- Write down accident details: date, time, location, weather conditions, and what happened.

### 6. Do NOT Admit Fault

- Keep conversations factual and do not apologize or admit fault.
- Allow police and insurance companies to determine liability.

### 7. Seek Medical Attention

- Even if you feel fine, some injuries may not appear immediately.
- Visit a doctor as soon as possible and keep medical records.

### 8. Notify Your Insurance Company

- Report the accident to your insurance provider as soon as possible.
- Provide necessary details but avoid admitting fault.

### 9. Contact a Car Accident Lawyer

- If you've been injured or are facing insurance disputes, a lawyer can help protect your rights.
- Vlahadamis Law PLLC offers experienced legal representation for accident victims in NYC, Long Island & The Hamptons.
- **Call for a Free Consultation: 631-594-5400**

### 10. Keep a Copy of This Checklist in Your Car

- Print and store this in your glove box for easy reference in case of an emergency.

#### Stay safe and be prepared!

Knowing what to do after a car accident can protect your legal rights and ensure you get the help you need.

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