

# “What to Do in Case” Series

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*Greensboro Police Department*

## You are in a traffic accident:

- Take a deep breath and stay calm.
- Check to see if you, your passengers, or the other drivers are injured.
- Call 911 to summon EMS if needed. You are legally required to call police and file a report if someone is injured or the total damage is greater than \$1000.00.
- Render first aid to the extent you are qualified.
- Move your vehicle off the roadway only if it is in a dangerous location for you or other motorists. Sight distance, light level, road condition, and type of road can be a factor.
- Turn on your hazard lights, and put out your orange warning triangles.
- Locate witnesses and collect their information. Make sure that you get complete information about the other driver, car, and insurance.
- If you are concerned that the other driver is not giving you the information you need, you can call police for assistance.

