

What to Do in the Event of a Traffic Accident

1 Obligations of Drivers, etc.

In the event of a traffic accident, drivers and passengers must take the following measures.

- (1) Stop the vehicle and switch off the engine at a safe place that will not obstruct other traffic (hard shoulder, vacant lots, etc.) to prevent further accidents.
- (2) If there are injured persons, take practicable first aid measures, including stopping the bleeding with a gauze or a clean handkerchief, while waiting for doctors, ambulances or other rescuers to arrive. In this case, make sure not to move the injured persons without due reason (especially if they have suffered a head injury). Nevertheless, if further accidents are likely to occur, rescue injured persons swiftly and move them to a safe place.
- (3) Report where the accident occur, the number of injured persons and the degree of their injuries, the degree of damage to objects, and the cargo of vehicles involved in the accident to police officers and follow their instructions.

2 Visit Your Doctor

Even if you have suffered only a minor injury, make sure to report an accident to police officers, and if you have received a strong impact to your head, visit your doctor even if you do not think you are injured. You may suffer after effects that will cause you problems later.

3 Cooperation by Those Present at the Scene of an Accident

- (1) Those present at the scene of a traffic accident are encouraged to actively cooperate in aiding injured persons, moving vehicles involved in the accident, etc.
- (2) If you have seen a hit-and-run accident, aid the injured persons and report the characteristics of the vehicle involved, including its license plate number, type and color, to police officers by calling 110.
- (3) Do not smoke or throw away a match at the scene of an accident, as there may be spilled gasoline on the road or dangerous cargo items.