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ORANGE COUNTY CAR ACCIDENT CHECKLIST

KEEP IN YOUR GLOVE BOX:

- ✓ Your registration
- ✓ Auto insurance information
- ✓ Copy of your accident checklist

Be Prepared

Keep these items in your car at all times:

- California vehicle registration
- Auto insurance card or other proof of insurance
- Jumper cables
- Spare tire, tire jack and lug wrench
- Flashlight (check your batteries!)
- First aid kit
- Bottled water
- Blanket (or extra coat)
- Camera (if your cell phone does not take photos)

At The Accident Scene

- Stay safe from traffic, fire, debris and other risks.
- Remain calm. Check for injuries to yourself or others.
- Call 911 to alert authorities. (Even if it does not appear to be a serious accident). Ask for an ambulance if needed.
- If you are safe and calm, use this guide to exchange the following information with any other drivers involved in the crash:

- Names
- Addresses
- Driver's license numbers
- Make and model of vehicles
- Vehicle registration numbers
- Vehicle insurance company names and policy numbers. Be sure the insurance information matches the vehicle in question.

- Get names, addresses and phone numbers of all witnesses (act before they leave the scene).
- Discuss the car accident only with the police.
- Obtain the name and agency of the responding law enforcement officer and crash report number.
- Do not leave the scene of the accident until the police have finished their investigation.
- Take photos, unless it will put you or others at risk

MAKE SURE TO GET THESE PHOTOS OF YOUR VEHICLE (AND OTHER VEHICLES IF POSSIBLE)

- Driver's side
- Passenger's side
- Front
- Rear
- All four corners
- License plates.

IF POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD ALSO GET PHOTOS OF

- Street signs, traffic controls, crosswalks
- Skid marks or brake marks
- Scattered debris
- Any nearby damaged property
- Conditions (weather, traffic and/or road)
- Landmarks (street signs or address markers)

- Call a towing company to remove your car, if necessary.
- Seek appropriate medical treatment, including possible referral to a specialist.

After You Leave The Accident Scene

- Report your accident to your insurance company or agent. Do not provide a recorded statement to an insurance company without first consulting an attorney.
- Call or consult an attorney (and bring to your initial consultation as much documentation as possible about your accident and injuries).
- Obtain a rental vehicle and arrange for repairs, if necessary.
- Do not get your car repaired or replaced until you have photos of the damage.
- Do not throw away or lose evidence that may document your accident and injuries.

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