

personal injury advisor



Be Prepared! Traffic Accident Checklist for Your Car



Traffic accidents are never planned. But you can be better prepared for the unexpected by keeping this handy checklist in your car's glove box.

- Always check for injuries first.
- Call the police—even if the accident is minor.
- If you are injured, tell the police.
- Note the damage to all vehicles.
- Take down witness names and contact information.
- If the weather is bad and police are not investigating accidents not involving injuries, then trade names, telephone numbers, addresses, license plate numbers, and insurance information (including policy numbers and toll-free telephone numbers) with all involved drivers.
- Call your insurance company to report the accident as soon as possible.
- Do not sign anything without consulting your insurance company or your attorney at Adler & Adler.
- If the other driver's insurance company contacts you, do not give a recorded statement.

If you or a passenger in your car is injured, always seek medical help and call your attorney at:

Adler & Adler, PC
(312) 443-1488

for guidance through the insurance and compensation process.

Minimize Your Distractions

- **Cell Phone Usage**—Do not dial or text while driving. Remember, cell phone use while driving is illegal in Chicago and many suburbs. Illinois also prohibits cell phone use by teen drivers under age 19.
- **Children**—Kids can be very distracting, particularly when bored or upset. Pull over to manage problems.
- **Applying Make-Up or Shaving**—Do not shave or apply make up while driving. Finish before you leave home or in the parking lot at work.
- **Dropped Items**—Do not pick up items from the floor while the car is in motion. If necessary, pull over and stop to recover the object.
- **Eating**—Be safe. Eat before you drive or during a driving break.
- **Reading**—Do not read and drive. Pull over to consult maps or other materials.
- **Computers, DVD Players & PDA's**—Do not use these items while driving.
- **Radio/CD/MP3 Player**—Adjust your music at a full stop and keep your volume at a level that does not drown out important sounds like sirens.

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