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YOU'VE BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT - NOW WHAT?

We all do our best as we hit the road each day but sooner or later, you will be involved in an accident. As more and more drivers take to the streets, that moment of inadvertence will inevitably arrive when bumpers meet.

So what should you do when an accident does happen?

Obviously, what you will be able to do will depend on your condition. If you have been injured your ability to gather important information at the scene maybe limited. On the other hand, if you are able, there is a lot you can do to protect your legal interests.

First, you will want to obtain the name, address, and telephone number of the other driver. Ask to see their drivers licence to confirm the information. Also take down his/her licence plate number, as someone else may own the vehicle.

Second, if there are witnesses to the mishap also be sure to get their name, address, etc. The ability to locate these individuals at a later time may be critical if the other driver suddenly recalls the circumstances of the event different than he/she did originally.

If you are clearly at fault you should promptly report the accident to your insurer.

If the other driver is also from BC and is at least partially at fault for the accident, ICBC has a duty to gather information that will protect that driver's interests. You should keep this in mind if you decide to meet directly with ICBC.

Who is at fault for the accident may not be as clear as you think. Most personal injury lawyers will discuss your case with you free of charge if you contact them. It is wise to take them up on their offer before you contact ICBC.*



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