

## Maryland's Motor Vehicle Collision Policy

**COLLISION INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORM** 

Maryland state law requires drivers of vehicles involved in a collision to provide their name, address, license number, name and address of the vehicle's owner, insurance company name and policy number, and name and address of the local insurance agent (if available). *MOVE IT* is a vehicle collision policy developed by the State of Maryland to help minimize traffic backups and improve traffic safety.

Keep this form (and a few copies) in the glove compartment of your vehicle and refer to it if you are involved in a collision. This is not an official collision report, but can be used as a checklist to ensure that all the information you will need for your insurance claim is gathered.

COLLISION LOCATION	OTHER DRIVER'S INFORMATION
Street Name(s)	Driver's Full Name
	Address
Number of Vehicles Involved	
Weather/Road Conditions	
Collision DateTime	Home Phone
	Work Phone
INSURANCE INFORMATION OF OTHER DRIVER	Date of Birth
Insurance Company	License Number
Policy Number	StateExpiration Date
Agent	
Agent Phone	VEHICLE INFORMATION OF OTHER DRIVER
Insurance Expiration Date	License Tag NoState
	ExpirationVehicle Year
	Make/Model
Full Name	Vehicle Color
Phone	Vehicle Identification No.
Address	
	Owner's Full Name
	Owner's Full Name
Full Name	Owner's Full Name Address
Full Name Phone	
	Address
Phone	

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Heavy traffic is a fact of life. And, more traffic means more collisions. Each year, emergency workers responded to more than 100,000 such collisions – putting a tremendous strain on emergency services. Many drivers, when involved in a collision, leave their vehicles in the roadway, which contributes to traffic backups and can cause additional collisions, known as secondary accidents. Research shows that up to 30% of all accidents are secondary accidents that happen because of another accident that occurred downstream. For your safety and the safety of other motorists, if you are involved in a property damage collision, but no one is injured, and your vehicle can be <u>safely driven</u>, *MOVE IT* safely off the road and exchange information with the other party in the collision. Don't wait for the police to arrive.

#### AFTER A COLLISION, YOU MUST CALL THE POLICE WHEN:

- Someone's been injured.
- A vehicle cannot be safely moved.
- A driver appears to be intoxicated.
- A driver does not have a license.
- A driver tries to leave the scene without providing the proper information.
- Public property has been damaged.

Police and fire and rescue crews are available for these urgent calls, but should not be routinely contacted following a collision.

Instead, if your vehicle can be safely driven and no one has been injured. *MOVE IT* off the roadway to ensure your safety and that of other motorists, and to prevent traffic backups.

Here are some simple tips if you are involved in a collision.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

When Someone's Been Injured:

- Call 911 immediately to get help.
- Do not move vehicles.

### If There Are No Injuries,

But Your Vehicle Can't Be Moved:

- Call 911 immediately to get help.
- Use your hazard lights, flares, and a flashlight (at night) to warn oncoming traffic.
- Raise your vehicle's hood.
- Be patient and don't attempt to cross the roadway or stop traffic.

# *IF YOUR VEHICLE IS DRIVABLE AND THERE ARE NO INJURIES:*

- There is no need to call police or file a report.
- Move off the roadway.
- Ask witnesses to leave their name, address, and phone number.
- Use the form in this guide to exchange important information with other driver(s), including:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - License Plate Number and State
  - Driver's License Number
  - Make, Model, and Year of Vehicle(s)
  - Vehicle Identification Number
  - Insurance Company Name
  - Insurance Policy Number
  - Insurance Expiration Date
- Note collision location, date and time, number of vehicles involved, and weather and road conditions.

#### **REMEMBER:**

The police will not routinely investigate collisions that result only in property damage, so there is no need to contact them or file a report.



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