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- 1. STAY CALM & SAFE Only exit the vehicle if you can do so safely. Keep seatbelt on while in vehicle.
- 2. CALL FOR HELP. <u>Call 911</u> for any injuries you suspect. <u>Call Police</u> even if an ambulance is not needed. Even if the other party says police are not needed, insist on calling them.
- 3. DO NOT MOVE THE VEHICLE <u>unless</u> the accident is minor with no injuries and the vehicle is safe to drive. Don't worry about traffic backing up if the accident is serious. The police will be there soon.
- 4. DO NOT ADMIT ANY FAULT. You can explain what happened to the police officer making the official report. Be honest, but you do not need to admit responsibility.
- 5. TAKE PHOTOS. Safely take photos of the accident scene with your smartphone. Take photos of the vehicles involved. Take photos of the surrounding area (intersections, traffic lights, road signage etc.). Anything that can later help explain what happened should be photographed.
- 6. TALK TO WITNESSES IF POSSIBLE. Get contact information of witnesses. This <u>should</u> be included in the police report, but hearing their version of what they saw will help you should you need confirmation of your story.
- 7. DON'T PANIC. You are more important than the vehicle, and your safety is of the highest priority to those you love. KEEP CALM AND THINK SAFETY FIRST.

Important Numbers to call in an Emergency:	

We are here to help.

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