

ACCIDENT PROCEDURES



It's important that you know how to react and that you know which steps you need to follow when you are involved in an accident. Being involved in a collision is the most nerve wracking situation a driver has to go through, but it doesn't benefit you at all to let nerves dominate your actions. All you need to do is remember what you're about to learn.

When you're in a collision and you're not hurt, you need to make sure you prevent further damage, therefore you need to secure the area. If you're on the road, move over to the shoulder to other vehicles crashing against your unit, set your parking brakes and turn on your 4 way flashers. Proceed to set your triangles according to the direction of traffic.

You then need to notify the authorities and let them know your exact location so they can get there quickly. If anyone is injured, inform the authorities and care for the injured to the best of your abilities.

If anyone at the scene is qualified and helping the injured, get out of the way and let them assist, but if nobody is there, one thing you must always remember is not to move the injured, keep them warm and apply pressure to wounds if bleeding heavily.

Hopefully nobody is hurt in which case you can proceed to gather information of everyone involved in the accident. Names, addresses, phone numbers, driver's license numbers, vehicle information such as tag number and state and insurance policy number is a must. If there are any witnesses make sure you collect their statement and personal information if possible.

Please remember you must also take pictures of the accident and notify NATS.

