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Motor Vehicle Accidents: What to do if you've been involved in one.

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Have you ever been in a car collision? If so, you'll want to make sure you know the steps to take. [Dr. Kristy Williams](#), a Personal Injury Lawyer at McLeod Law, recently went over what you should do in this situation.

1. The first things you want to focus on are your health and safety. In the case that you need any medical treatment, be sure to get yourself assessed by EMS or attend to a hospital.
2. Ensure your safety by taking necessary measures, which may include relocating your vehicle to a safer location away from the flow of traffic and if you are able, however, get pictures or video of your vehicle before moving it.
3. When safe, exchange any information with other individuals involved and witnesses. Section 69 of the *Traffic Safety Act* mandates that "*individuals who have been involved in a collision exchange information*". So this means that you have to provide this information to other parties and they have to provide this to you.
4. Report the accident and any injuries to the police. You can also report the accident at your local police detachment. If you would like to access your accident report, you can do so through [Government of Alberta: Online Collision Report System](#).
5. Get any of your injuries assessed within the days or weeks following the accident. Your automobile insurer is required to provide some coverage for medical treatment necessary because of a car accident.
6. Ensure to report the accident to your car insurer who can then help you coordinate repairs.
7. Finally, consider reporting a personal injury lawyer.

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Watch Kristy Williams go into more detail here: