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# THE CYCLIST'S ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

**PACK:** Cell phone, personal ID, emergency contact information.

**911/MEDICAL TREATMENT:** Get yourself and your bike to a safe spot—as close as possible to the accident scene without obstructing traffic; call 911 for police / ambulance; seek immediate medical care—do not refuse care unless positive you are not injured. Go to the ER or your doctor for a thorough evaluation.

**IF MOTORIST LEAVES SCENE:** Get license number; make, model, and color of the car; report the information immediately to 911.

**RECORD:** Get names, addresses, driver's license number, vehicle registration, and insurance information from all drivers involved in the accident. Collect witness contact information.

**COMMUNICATION WITH DRIVER:** Try to be respectful and remain mindful that what you say may be used by the driver in an attempt to blame you for the accident or minimize injuries.

**POLICE:** Cooperate with the police; get a Collision Information Report; if a Police Report was issued, request a copy (usually available after 10 days); get the officer's name and badge number and ask whether (and if not, why not) the driver will be ticketed.

**PHOTOS:** Take photos of: the scene, the damage to your bike, the damage to the car, and bodily injuries.

**PRESERVE EVIDENCE:** If you anticipate a serious claim, do not repair your bike. Hold on to your damaged gear and helmet, and do not launder the affected clothing.

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**COMMUNICATING WITH MOTORISTS.** If the accident is serious, consult with an attorney before calling the driver's insurance company. What you say may be used in an attempt to establish that you are at fault or to minimize the severity of your injuries. Tell the insurance representative that you want to delay any substantive discussion until after you confer with legal counsel.



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