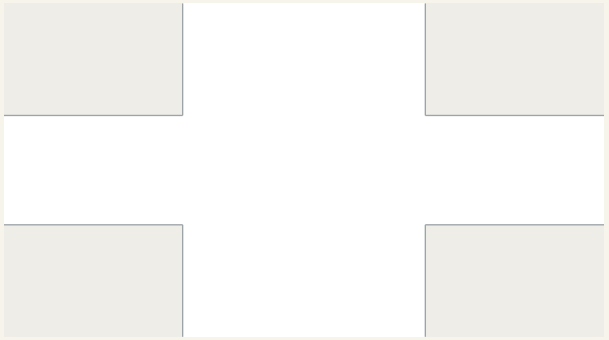
Sketch and additional details

Mark streets, lanes and directions of travel. Label vehicles A and B and the point of impact.



Passengers — names and contact details

Notes

California reporting deadlines

Injury or death: Ensure a written report reaches CHP or appropriate city police within 24 hours. Confirm with the responding agency.

Within 10 days: File DMV form SR-1 for any injury or death, or property damage over $1,000 to any one person. Required regardless of fault; separate from police and insurance reports.

Other deadlines may apply, especially for claims involving public agencies. Seek legal advice promptly.

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Following these steps can help you gather and preserve important information to document your injuries and property damage and support your claim for compensation.

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At the scene

1 Put safety first

Stop. Check for injuries. Call 911 when needed. Collect information only when safe.

2 Gather facts

When it’s safe, complete as many fields as you can. Exchange license, registration, insurance and current contact information.

3 Take photos when safe

□ Vehicle positions, plates and damage
□ Injuries and other property damage
□ Debris, road conditions, signs and signals
□ Note nearby cameras
□ Save original photos and dashcam footage

Be careful what you say

Limit conversation with the other party to exchanging required information. Do not admit fault or discuss who or what caused the accident. Provide required information and truthful facts requested by law enforcement; do not guess or speculate.

After the accident

Seek care for injuries or later symptoms. Keep medical records, receipts and repair estimates. Notify your insurer promptly and meet your policy’s reporting and cooperation requirements. Seek legal advice before giving a recorded statement to the other party’s insurer or signing a settlement or release.

Hit and run

Do not pursue. Safely note the vehicle, plate, and direction of travel; contact police.

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Other driver and vehicle

Record information for each involved vehicle. Use Notes for additional people, passengers, or vehicles.

Driver name

Current address

Phone

Driver’s license number and state

Insurance company and policy number

License plate and state

Vehicle make and model

Vehicle year and color

Registered owner if different

Name

Address

Phone if known

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Accident and witnesses

Date and time

Location and city

Police agency and officer name

Badge number

Collision report number

Witness 1

Name

Address

Phone

Witness 2

Name

Address

Phone

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