

## Summer Driving

Long days and vacation travel make summer one of the busiest seasons on the road. Increased traffic, intense heat, sun glare, and sudden summer storms all contribute to a higher risk of accidents. Whether you're heading to the beach or navigating a crowded highway, knowing what to do in the event of an accident is essential.

### **Accident Checklist you SHOULD Do:**

- 1 Check for Injuries**  
Ensure that you, your passengers, and all other parties are injured immediately
- 2 Secure the Scene**  
Turn on Hazard lights and, if possible, move the vehicle to a safe, out of the way, location
- 3 Contact Authorities**  
Call the local Police or state highway patrol to report the accident. Obtain the officer's name, their responding department, and the accident report number.
- 4 Gather Information**  
Collect contact information from all witnesses and involved participants. Make sure to get drivers license numbers, license plate number, and insurance carrier
- 5 Document the Scene**  
Take Photos of the scene and of any damages to all vehicles involved.
- 6 Contact Your Insurance**  
Once you are in a safe location, call your insurance provider to discuss the next steps in the claims process.

### **In The Event Of An Accident, Please DON'T:**

- "Make a Deal" for damages
- Leave the scene of even a minor accident.
- Accept an offer of cash, check, or "private" settlement
- Deny Injury to you or your passengers.
- Offer to pay anything, even if you think you are fault.
- Administer first aid unless you are qualified to do so.

