

11. Collisions

Upon Arriving at the Scene of a Collision:

- Park your vehicle off the roadway to prevent a collision with another vehicle.
- In case of serious injury, call 911 or the nearest police station and an ambulance.
- Turn off the ignition of vehicles involved in the collision to prevent a fire.
- If a person is pinned in a vehicle, but unhurt, crawl into the vehicle and try to release that person. If an individual is hurt, however, **do not** attempt to move that person unless the vehicle is on fire. Should the person have to be moved, ensure that the head and spine are firmly supported.
- If you have flares or reflective signs, place them 60 metres in front and behind the collision scene as a warning to approaching drivers; otherwise, use your four-way flasher. Occupants of your vehicle or bystanders should be positioned at both approaches to the collision, standing off the roadway, to warn vehicles.
- Extinguish the flares when they are no longer needed.

Even if you have not been trained in first aid, you may give the following assistance:

- If a person is unconscious, be sure their air passage is clear of foreign material. False teeth, chewing gum, vomit or mucus can block the air passage. If possible, gently turn their head to the side. If the victim is not breathing and you are familiar with mouth-to-mouth or artificial respiration, begin the procedure immediately.
- Stop bleeding by applying direct pressure with a clean piece of material over the wound. If there is a serious head injury, pressure should not be applied.
- Reassure the injured and stay with them until an ambulance or other vehicle is available to take them to the hospital.
- Give all information on the assistance you have provided to the ambulance attendant and to the police, who in turn can inform the hospital.

If You Are Involved in a Collision

A collision can be between two or more vehicles, between a vehicle and a person, object or animal, or an event in which a person is injured or killed by a vehicle in motion.

If you are involved in a collision, you must:

- Stop your vehicle immediately.
- Check to see if anyone is injured. If someone is, you must:
 - Get help. In Winnipeg, Brandon and most rural areas, dial 911. In other areas, contact your local police or the RCMP by dialing “o” and asking for the police.
 - If anyone is seriously injured (meaning someone was hospitalized) or if a fatality occurs, you must report the collision to the police within seven days, if you do not make a report to an officer at the scene.
- You must also report to police within seven days if the collision involves unlicensed drivers, unregistered or unidentified vehicles, failure to obtain particulars from the other party, or if you suspect the use of drugs or alcohol on the part of the other driver was a contributing factor in the collision.

You do not have to report to the police if only property damage is sustained in a collision, no matter what the value of the damage.

- In the case of a collision without serious injury or damage, you should move the vehicles from a major thoroughfare as soon as possible in order to prevent further collisions.
- In all cases, as the driver, you must:
 - Give your name and address to anyone whose vehicle or property is damaged.
 - Indicate whether you have a valid driver’s licence or out-of-province driving permit and provide your licence or permit number and expiry date.
 - Indicate whether the vehicle being driven is validly registered and provide the licence number and expiry date.
 - Give your vehicle insurance policy number and, if an out-of-province vehicle, the name of insurer.

- If you are not the vehicle owner, give the name and address of the registered owner and the number of that person's vehicle insurance policy and name of insurer, if applicable, and if known.
- If you collide with and damage an unattended vehicle or other property, you must take reasonable steps to find and notify the owner of the unattended vehicle or property. If you are unable to exchange names and addresses or identify yourself personally with the driver of the other vehicle or the owner of the property at the collision scene, you must leave your name and address on the vehicle or property.
- If you collide with a domestic (owned) animal, causing it injury or death, you (or a passenger if you are not able to do so) must report the collision to police if the animal is not removed from the road. If the animal has been removed from the road and the collision is not reported to police, you are required to report the collision to the animal owner, if known, and if not, to the clerk of the municipality in which the collision occurred.

See *Collision Report Form* in the Forms section.