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Car Accident Checklist

What to do at the scene and afterwards

999 If anyone is hurt, in danger, or the road is blocked

101 Police non-emergency, such as if the other driver drove off

1 At the scene

- [ ] Stop. Engine off. Hazards on. Handbrake on.
- [ ] Check for injuries. Call 999 if anyone is hurt.
- [ ] Get to a safe place, away from traffic.
- [ ] Hi-vis on. Warning triangle if safe (not on motorways).
- [ ] Don't admit fault or apologise.

2 Swap details

- [ ] Name, address and phone number
- [ ] Registration, make, model and colour
- [ ] Insurer and policy number
- [ ] Owner's details, if not the driver
- [ ] Witness names and numbers

3 Gather evidence

- [ ] Photos: damage, positions, road, plates
- [ ] Note the time, date, weather and light
- [ ] Save dashcam footage straight away
- [ ] Back everything up to your email

4 Afterwards

- [ ] Report to police within 24 hours if anyone was hurt, details weren't swapped or you suspect an offence
- [ ] Tell your insurer, even if not claiming
- [ ] Pain later? Call NHS 111 or see your GP
- [ ] Keep every receipt

Keep this in your glovebox or saved on your phone.

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