

Automotive Accident Checklist by evolution.co.uk

Time		Date	
Their Details Name Address Phone Number Mobile Number Date Of Birth		Witness Details	
Their Vehicle Details Make Model Registration Number Colour Company Car? Modifications Number of Passengers		Description of the accident	
Insurance Details Their Insurer Phone Number			
Conditions Road Wet or Dry Weather Lighting Visibility			
Road Name/Number		Police Officer Name/Number	
Road Speed Limit		Speed Of Their Car (approx)	
Car Damage Theirs		Car Damage Yours	
Injuries Them		Injuries You	
The information is true to the best of my knowledge	3rd party signature	The information is true to the best of my knowledge	Your signature

Use the back of this piece of paper to make 2 sketches. The 1st showing the position of the vehicles just before the accident and the 2nd sketch showing the resting place of the damaged vehicles (before they are moved to a place of safety). Try to be accurate on position. In the 1st sketch, label each vehicle with the driver's initials and use arrows to show the vehicle direction.

Stay calm and remain polite.

Try to get your smart to a place of safety. If it's not possible, ensure the hazard lights are on and go and stand somewhere safe. Don't stand in the road warning other drivers.

Is everyone OK? If not, call an ambulance.

Call your partner, family member or place of work to let them know of your whereabouts.

Do you suspect the other driver is drunk? Don't let on to them, tell them you are just going to phone your husband/wife, go somewhere private and phone the police and let them know of your concern.

It is well in your right to contact their apparent insurance company to ask if they are insured with them. You could even pretend to phone their insurance to check and say they have no record of them being insured. If they then give you a different insurer name, they are withholding information and you can call the police.

Start the voice recording app on your phone and ask them "didn't you see me" and try to keep recording until after they have told you their name and address. Evidence of liability can vastly reduce the hassle of claiming. Insurance companies always tell you not to admit liability but at the scene, people often do but then change their story later on when they talk to their insurers.

Ask if you can take the details down off of their driver's licence.

Write their details yourself as other people's handwriting is usually terrible.

If you have an in-car DVR and it is safe to do so, retrieve the memory card and keep it safe. Don't mention the camera footage to the other driver even if they insist the accident was your fault.

Test the mobile phone number they give you to make sure it's correct. Stress can make them forget/lie.

Read back their home phone number to them but mix up the last 2 numbers and see if they correct you. If they don't notice the mistake, they may have given you a false phone number.

Most phones have cameras on them so take photos of everything including (secretly) the driver.

If their car is modified, photograph all the modifications. If they didn't inform their insurance company of these modifications it will put a black mark on their name and make them less credible for information.

If your smart cannot be safely driven away, contact your insurance company A.S.A.P. so they can arrange collection. If you have a preferred repair company, let the insurance people know.

If you don't believe that the other driver is being truthful about their identity or you don't believe that they are insured, phone the police.

Your insurance company will get your car collected but they won't normally lay on any provisions to get you home. Some companies may bring you a courtesy car but more often than not, the recovery driver won't do anything more than drop you off at a train station or at the next junction. Time to call up someone to come and collect you.

Breakdown services like the AA (AAA), RAC, Green Flag etc, will NOT recover accident damaged cars so don't think that you will be able to call them and have your car recovered to your house and have the insurance company pick the damaged car up from there.

If your smart is still safe and OK to drive, give it 10 minutes before you drive again. Everything will be going around in your head which will distract you from driving which could cause another accident.