# SAFE DRIVING REMINDERS

California Casualty wants to help keep you safe on the road. Nothing is more important than the safety of you and your family. Here are some tips that will make your time on the road safer for everyone.

### SAFE DRIVING TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE:

**Buckle up.** Adults should always wear a seatbelt and children should always be secured in the appropriate car seat for their weight and height. Not only will it keep your family safe, but it's the law.

**Avoid distracted driving.** Anything that takes your attention away from operating the vehicle is distracted driving. Remember: eyes on the road, hands on the wheel, mind on driving.

**Obey traffic laws and road signs.** Familiarize yourself with local traffic laws. Speeding is a contributing factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes. Observing signs warning of tight turns, roadwork ahead or school zones can also save lives.

**Give yourself more travel time.** This will help you avoid speeding or losing your patience and possibly making unsafe lane changes, tailgating or other maneuvers that could cause an accident.

**Maintain your vehicles.** Routinely checking that there's proper tread on the tires, the headlights and windshield wipers work properly and there are no radiator or oil leaks can prevent dangerous breakdowns or crashes.

**Practice defensive driving.** Don't follow too closely, scan the traffic around you and always keep both hands on the wheel to better respond to danger.

**Check your vehicle for a safety recall.** Tens of millions of vehicles with a safety recall have never had the issue fixed. An easy way to check is at <u>nhtsa.gov/recalls</u>.

Keep your four-legged family members in mind. Never leave pets in the car on a hot day. Always secure them in a harness or crash-tested carrier or crate.

**Prepare a roadside emergency safety kit.** Just in case, carry a basic safety kit that consists of:

- Cell phone and spare battery
- First aid kit
- Blanket
- Fire extinguisher
- Warning light or reflective triangles
- Tire pressure gauge
- Jumper cables
- Foam sealant for flat tires
- Bottled water
- Flashlight



KNOW WHAT TO DO IF AN ACCIDENT HAPPENS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SEE BACKSIDE.



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# WHAT TO DO IN AN ACCIDENT

It may never happen, but if you are involved in an accident, here's a list of what to do.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE IN AN ACCIDENT:

#### AT THE SCENE:

- Stop immediately, but do not obstruct traffic.
- 🗸 Stay safe by stepping away from road traffic and out of harm's way.
- Call the police and medical assistance, if necessary. Assist the injured.
- Keep calm and resist the urge to apologize, and do not admit fault.
- **Do not** accept a claim settlement at the scene.

#### **GATHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

#### Exchange Driver Information

with all drivers involved

- name
- phone number
- insurance company and policy number
- avoid letting the other party take a photograph of your driver's license (to avoid risk of identity theft)

#### **Collect Vehicle Details**

- license plate numbers
- year, make and model

#### Record What Happened

If it's safe, take photographs showing the damage and the position of the vehicles involved. You will also need the names and contact information of witnesses.

#### V If It's a Hit and Run

Gather as much information as possible and contact the police to make a report.

#### HOW TO START A CLAIM:

Be sure to report all accidents to your insurance provider. Accidents are stressful, but following this list will help. It will also help speed up your claims process.

Our policyholders can file a claim with California Casualty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at **1.800.800.9410** or online at <u>CalCas.com/claims</u>.

Depending on the circumstances, you may be able to use our Snap Appraisal app. It allows you to submit pictures of the damage with your smart phone and receive your repair estimate in a much shorter time, sometimes within a few hours.

## TURN THIS FLYER OVER FOR DRIVING TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE.



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