

## Vehicle accident scenes: Imperative information for insurance purposes

+27 (0)14 592-1077

[www.dewetdevilliersbrokers.co.za](http://www.dewetdevilliersbrokers.co.za)

An authorised financial services provider (FSP number: 21850)

### INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED AT AN ACCIDENT SCENE

#### TAKE CLEAR AND READABLE PHOTOS OF:



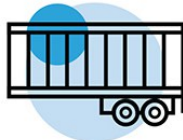
The driver's licence or ID of the driver of the other involved vehicle/s



The other party's vehicle license disk



All involved vehicles' registration plates



If there is a horsebox or trailer, the registration plates of these as well



Any signage on the other vehicle/s, i.e. company names and contact details



The accident scene from various angles and positions



Notice buildings or areas where possible CCTV footage can be obtained from



The name and contact details of any eyewitness/es who saw the incident occur

### TIPS WHEN REPORTING AN ACCIDENT

- ➔ **When in an accident – STOP – and gather all the information. Do not simply think that the damages appear to be minor and drive off – this can be construed as a HIT AND RUN!**
- ➔ **After you have stopped and assessed the situation to see if people are injured or appear to be under the influence, you need to contact the police to come out to the accident scene.**
- ➔ **If you were involved in an accident with another vehicle, and the damages are minor, and you have exchanged details and so forth, you may move the vehicles out of the road. In this case, it is not necessary to contact the police to come to the accident scene – BUT – both parties have to report the accident within 24 hours at a police station.**
- ➔ **If you were involved in a single vehicle accident, for example you hit a tree and there's no damages to another person's property, you do not have to stop or report the accident to the police.**
- ➔ **Remember and/or save the emergency numbers:**
  - 10177 – Ambulance
  - 10111 – South African Police Service (SAPS)
  - On a cell phone – 112 for any emergency
- ➔ **The accident needs to be reported within 24 hours at the nearest SAPS. If you are unable to do so, because you have sustained injuries and were taken away from the scene, then report the accident as soon as you possibly can and are able to.**
- ➔ **It is an offence if you do not report the accident and there were damages to another person's property. You may be issued with an Infringement Notice in terms of Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act (AARTO), or a written Notice to Appear in Court.**
- ➔ **Never let anyone tow your vehicle without permission. Check and ensure with your insurer first. Your insurer will contact a towing company as soon as you have phoned them from the scene, and they will give authorisation to the towing company via WhatsApp/SMS.**

Finally, remember to keep the De Wet De Villiers Brokers' emergency number at hand, or save it on your cell phone now, to ensure you can get hold of us if needed: 066 049 9766.