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I've Been in a Minor Auto Accident – Must It Be Reported?

If you are involved in an auto accident but the damage is minimal and there are no injuries, you may wonder if the crash must be reported to the police.

Each year in the U.S. there are 7 million car accidents. Most of these are minor collisions. In Florida, an accident must be reported to the police when it includes:

- Injury
- Death
- A hit-and-run driver
- A driver who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Property damage that appears to be more than \$500

If the accident happened within a municipality, the driver must report the accident to local police. If not, the report must be made to the nearest Florida Highway Patrol station or the office of the county sheriff.

In the event of an accident, you must act quickly to make the appropriate oral report if you are physically able to do so. A written report must be filed only if a local, county or state law enforcement agency did not investigate the crash. If there was no investigation, the driver must file a written accident report within 10 days.

What To Do If You Are in a Minor Car Accident

- Check yourself and your passengers for injuries. Call 911 if you observe injuries. Do not move anyone who has been injured if possible.

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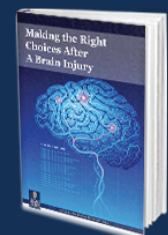
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- Call 911 if you observe injuries, significant property damage, an intoxicated driver or if the accident was a hit-and-run. Describe the victims' status and follow dispatcher instructions. Don't move the vehicles unless so instructed.
- Exchange information with other involved drivers. Provide contact information, insurance company and driver's license data.
- Never confront the other driver to avoid a road rage incident. Stay in your locked car if necessary.
- Don't apologize even if it is obvious that you are the at-fault driver. Anything you say can be used against you by an insurance company or if the case goes to court.
- Take photos of the scene as well as both cars, any injuries and applicable signs and traffic lights.
- Call your insurance company. Some policies require that this contact is made within 48 hours.

Importantly, consult with an attorney experienced in Florida auto accidents to get the compensation that is appropriate for your injuries.

Don't Spoil Halloween Fun: Tips for a Safe Holiday

Halloween is every kid's favorite holiday! When else can they dress up as their favorite super-hero, princess or zombie and get free candy too?

But Halloween fun is all about safety too. With proper planning – and communicating your expectations to your child – you both will enjoy a safe holiday.



- Never let your child go trick-or-treating alone. If your child over age 12 and over is allowed to go out with friends, insist that they travel as a group. Only visit those houses that are well-lit inside and out.
- Sit down with your teen or tween and plan the route that they will take with friends. Make sure that they carry a fully-charged cellphone and that they obey your curfew.
- Ask your child to put cellphones and other electronic devices away while walking, especially when crossing the street. Cross only in crosswalks or at traffic lights and never run into the road between parked cars.
- When choosing costumes, bypass cumbersome shoes or heels that can cause tripping. Athletic shoes are best.
- Leave masks that block vision in the store and opt for non-toxic makeup instead. Test the makeup for any reaction well in advance on a small patch of skin.
- Add reflective tape to costumes and treat bags for greater visibility.
- Tuck a working flashlight into all trick-or-treat bags.
- Cases of food tampering are rare. But advise your child not to sample any treats before arriving home. Examine everything in their bags and dispose of anything that is unwrapped or appears suspicious.

Happy Halloween from all of us at Holliday Karatinos Law Firm, PLLC!

If you or a family member has been injured in a car accident or any other personal injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call (866) 364-9529 for your initial free consultation. The Holliday Karatinos Law Firm, PLLC, injury attorneys in Brooksville and Lutz, Florida, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

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Recipe of the Month

Pumpkin Muffins

These muffins make a tasty, nutritious breakfast or anytime treat. When you whip up a batch, the house will smell of pumpkin spice!

Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole-grain pastry flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsulphered molasses
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup lowfat buttermilk
- 1/4 cup raw, unsalted pumpkin seeds



Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a 12-cup muffin pan with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the all-purpose and whole-wheat flours, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and nutmeg.

In a large bowl, whisk the sugar, molasses, oil and 1 egg until combined. Add the other egg and whisk well. Whisk in the pumpkin and vanilla. Whisk in the flour mixture in 2 batches, alternating with the buttermilk. Whisk just until combined.

Pour the batter into the prepared muffin pan and sprinkle with the pumpkin seeds. Tap the pan on the counter a few times to remove any air bubbles. Bake for 20 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center of 1 of the muffins comes out clean.

Let cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Run a knife around the muffins to loosen them and unmold. Cool completely on the rack.

Recipe courtesy of Ellie Krieger

What's Happening in North Tampa

Nov 10

Multicultural Fest
East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL
<https://goo.gl/t78Hb6>

Nov 12

Vince Gill
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Clearwater, FL
<https://goo.gl/NSq9GN>

Nov 23

Michael McDonald
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Clearwater, FL
<https://goo.gl/EPd3er>

Nov 28

Elton John
Amalie Arena
Tampa, FL
<https://goo.gl/z2m5BR>

Dec 1

Honeymoon Island Bluegrass Festival
Honeymoon Island State Park
Dunedin, FL
<https://goo.gl/Z3hDfQ>

Dec 7

Barry Manilow
Amalie Arena
Tampa, FL
<https://goo.gl/rit8NU>

Dec 8

Tampa Walk to End Huntington's Disease
Perry Harvey, Sr. Park
Tampa, FL
<https://goo.gl/iH5fXC>

Dec 16

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
The Ghosts of Christmas Eve
Amalie Arena
Tampa FL
<https://goo.gl/7gmQAT>



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