

CRASH CHECKLIST

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CRASH

- Tell the driver to stay until the police arrive. If they refuse to stay or don't provide ID, get their and the car's description, license plate # and state of issue.
- Call (or ask someone to call) 911 and ask for the police to come to the scene.
- Get name and contact info for any witnesses. Ask them to remain on the scene until police arrive.
- Ask for the driver's license and insurance card. Write down name, address, date of birth and insurance information.

WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE

- Ask them to take an incident report (required for all bike collisions, SFPD General Order 9.02b).
- Get reporting police officer's name and badge number.

- If you've been doored, ask officer to cite motorist for a violation of CVC 22517.
- Ask officers to speak to witnesses.
- While a doctor's report of injury is important for insurance and/or legal action, you do not need to take an ambulance. If there is any complaint of pain, police must take an incident report (SFPD General Order 9.02b).

IN THE DAYS SOON AFTER A CRASH

- Ask witnesses to email you their version of what happened while it's fresh in their minds. Email yourself a description of what happened with relevant information, capturing as much detail as you can.
- Take good photos of your injuries and any damage to your bike. Get an estimate from a bike shop before making repairs.
- Request a copy of the incident report from the police.