#### If you are involved in a minor accident, follow these FOUR steps:

## 1. Assess

Check for injuries. If anyone is injured, call 911 immediately and wait for emergency responders.

## 2. MOVE IT...Yes you can!

- Determine whether the vehicles are moveable.
- Move vehicles off the road to the nearest safe location.

## 3. Notify

If there are no injuries, call 911 to alert them of the accident and your location and follow the instructions of the dispatcher.

## 4. Report

- Exchange driver, vehicle and insurance information.
  (See other side of this form)
- Report the incident as instructed by law enforcement and your insurance provider.

### State of Florida Statutes -Sections 316.027, 316.061, 316.063, 316.071

Require that if a damaged or disabled vehicle is obstructing traffic, the driver of the vehicle must make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle or have it moved so as not to obstruct the regular flow of traffic. If he or she cannot move the vehicle alone, they should solicit help and move the vehicle.

Motorists involved in a traffic incident or attending a disabled vehicle are required to move their vehicle off the roadway when the vehicle is moveable and there are no injuries.

For more information on Florida highway laws, call the Florida Highway Patrol at 407-737-2300 or your local law enforcement agency.

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Moving your damaged vehicle off the roadway helps clear accidents quickly, reduce congestion and improve safety conditions for responders.

Plus... it's Florida law!

**ACCIDENT SAFETY** 

CHECKLIST

# Should I move my vehicle off the roadway?

Have you ever been involved in a minor traffic accident on the highway? Did you leave your vehicle right where it was until the police arrived? Did you think you were "not supposed to" move it off the roadway?

#### **MOVE IT...Yes you can!**



Yes, you **can** move your vehicle out of the way. In fact, Florida law states that you **must** 

make every reasonable effort to move a disabled vehicle or have it moved so as not to obstruct the regular flow of traffic, as long as the vehicle is drivable and there are no injuries.

Police and insurance companies *will not* penalize you for moving your vehicle off the road.

#### Clearing accidents quickly from travel lanes will help reduce congestion.

#### **Studies show in Central Florida:**

- Traffic incidents, not volume, account for more than half of the region's congestion.
- 13 to 33 percent of crashes are caused by earlier incidents.
- One minute spent on the scene by fire and rescue personnel, police and other responders causes five minutes of traffic congestion.
- Injury to those who respond to incidents is significant, accounting for 59 percent of police casualties alone within the State of Florida.

#### By moving your vehicle out of the way, you will help:

- Improve response and clearance times at accident scenes;
- Reduce accident-related traffic congestion and delay;
- Reduce subsequent crashes; and improve safety conditions for fire and rescue, police and other responders.

#### Motorist Information Exchange Card

| Name:                    |
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