## CRITICAL THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU'VE BEEN IN ACCIDENT

- What do I need to do at the scene once I've been involved in an accident?
  - Make sure you are okay/attend to your physical needs.
  - Contact the police department and make sure a police report is completed.
  - If you are able, take pictures of the vehicles involved.
- My child was involved in an accident and is at the hospital. Is there anything specific they need to do?
  - No. They simply need to take care of themselves and listen to what the
    doctors are suggesting. There is no specific tests or anything that needs to be
    done other than them attending to their physical needs.
- I didn't go to the emergency room immediately after my accident. Is that going to hurt my case?
  - No. Sometimes it can take a day or two for you to really feel the effects of an accident. There is no requirement for a personal injury case that you actually go to the emergency room. However, make sure you seek treatment after you know you were injured in the accident.
- I was involved in an accident and was contacted by the insurance company. Do I speak with them?
  - No. If the insurance company reaches out to you and asks to take a recorded statement, decline to give one, even if you were not at fault for the accident.
     Contact our office and let us handle talking with the insurance company.
- I was involved in an accident. Do I need to contact an attorney?
  - Yes. It is always best to give us a call to make sure you are protected immediately and to get an idea of what your options are when it comes to pursuing a personal injury case.

