

*Keep in the glove box of your car*

## **Tennessee Automobile Accident Checklist\***

- ❑ **STOP** - Failure to stop is a crime. Do not obstruct traffic more than is necessary.
- ❑ **MEDICAL ATTENTION** - Get medical attention for the injured.
- ❑ **SAFETY** - Take all precautions to prevent further accidents: flags, flares, etc.
- ❑ **CALL THE POLICE** - Call City Police, County Sheriff, or Highway Patrol.
- ❑ **COMMENTS** - Don't make any comments to anyone about the accident. Cooperate with the police by stating basic facts, but don't make admissions or give opinions.
- ❑ **IDENTIFICATION** - Give your name, address, vehicle registration number, and upon request, exhibit your driver's license and insurance information to any other party to the accident and to the police officer. Get the same information from the other driver(s).
- ❑ **WITNESSES** - Get witnesses' names, addresses, phone numbers, comments, etc.
- ❑ **TAKE NOTES** - Make your own written notes to help you remember the facts.
- ❑ **DON'T LEAVE** - Unless you are seriously injured or have to go with an injured person, don't leave unless the police officer leaves or tells you to leave.
- ❑ **UNATTENDED VEHICLES** - If you collide with an unattended vehicle or other property, you must STOP as above and either locate the owner or leave a conspicuous written notice for the owner giving the name and address of the driver and owner of your vehicle, the registration notice of the vehicle you are driving, and a statement of the circumstances, and then notify the nearest police authority as soon as possible.
- ❑ **WRITTEN REPORTS** - Where there is bodily injury, death, or property damage to the extent of \$400 or more, a written report of the accident must be sent to the Dept. of Safety within 20 days
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