

A Minor Car Accident in Tasmania

towed	penalty	necessary	dangerous	plate	injured
reported	registration	required	property	involved	seriously
insurance	fault	exchanged	details	witnesses	guilty
unaware	fine	person	online	investigate	jail
emergency	police	time	photos	traffic	owners

What is the law, what do I do?

1. All of the drivers must stop immediately and stay for as long as is necessary to do what has to be done.
2. The drivers are to help any person who is in any way that they can.
3. Emergency services (000) should be called if someone has been injured or killed or if the accident scene is dangerous.
4. It is a good idea NOT to admit (even if you think it was your fault).
5. Every driver must give their details to every other driver involved, and to any person whose property has been damaged, the owners of the vehicles, or a person who has been injured.
6. The details that must be given include:
 - the names and addresses of the drivers
 - the names and addresses of the owners of the car,
 - the licence numbers and
 - the vehicle numbers.

Also try to note down a description of the car. Taking photos is a very good idea. These show the vehicles, the damage, the scene and the people involved.

The drivers' details must also be given to the police if for some reason they could not be provided to all of the other persons involved in the accident. This should be done at the scene of the crash, or if that isn't possible, within 24 hours.

If police are involved, they will need the details above and also:

- details of the place, time and nature of the accident
- the names of any and of any other persons involved and
- details of any injuries or damage.

A driver who is involved in a crash and does not give the required particulars to everyone entitled to them is guilty of an offence and faces a maximum fine of \$2,800.00.

Police

The accident **has to be reported to the police** if anybody is injured or killed, or if any of the vehicles had to be towed or carried away. It should also be reported to the Motor Accident Insurance Board (MAIB) if any person is injured. This can be done by completing a [Notice of Accident form](#).

A crash does not have to be reported to the police if every driver and the owner of any property damaged have exchanged details, provided that no-one was killed or injured and no vehicle had to be towed or carried away. However, sometimes a report needs to be done for legal purposes. In that case it may be done online at the Tasmania police [report a crash website](#).

If you wish for police to report your crash, do not use the Crash Reporting Website and instead, attend a police station to make your report in person.

Fail to stop and assist

A driver who is involved in a crash must stop immediately and stay at the scene of the crash and give any help they can. The penalty for failing to do so is a fine of up to \$11,200.00, a prison term of up to 2 years, or both (unless the driver leaves to seek medical, police or other assistance or was driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time that the accident had occurred).