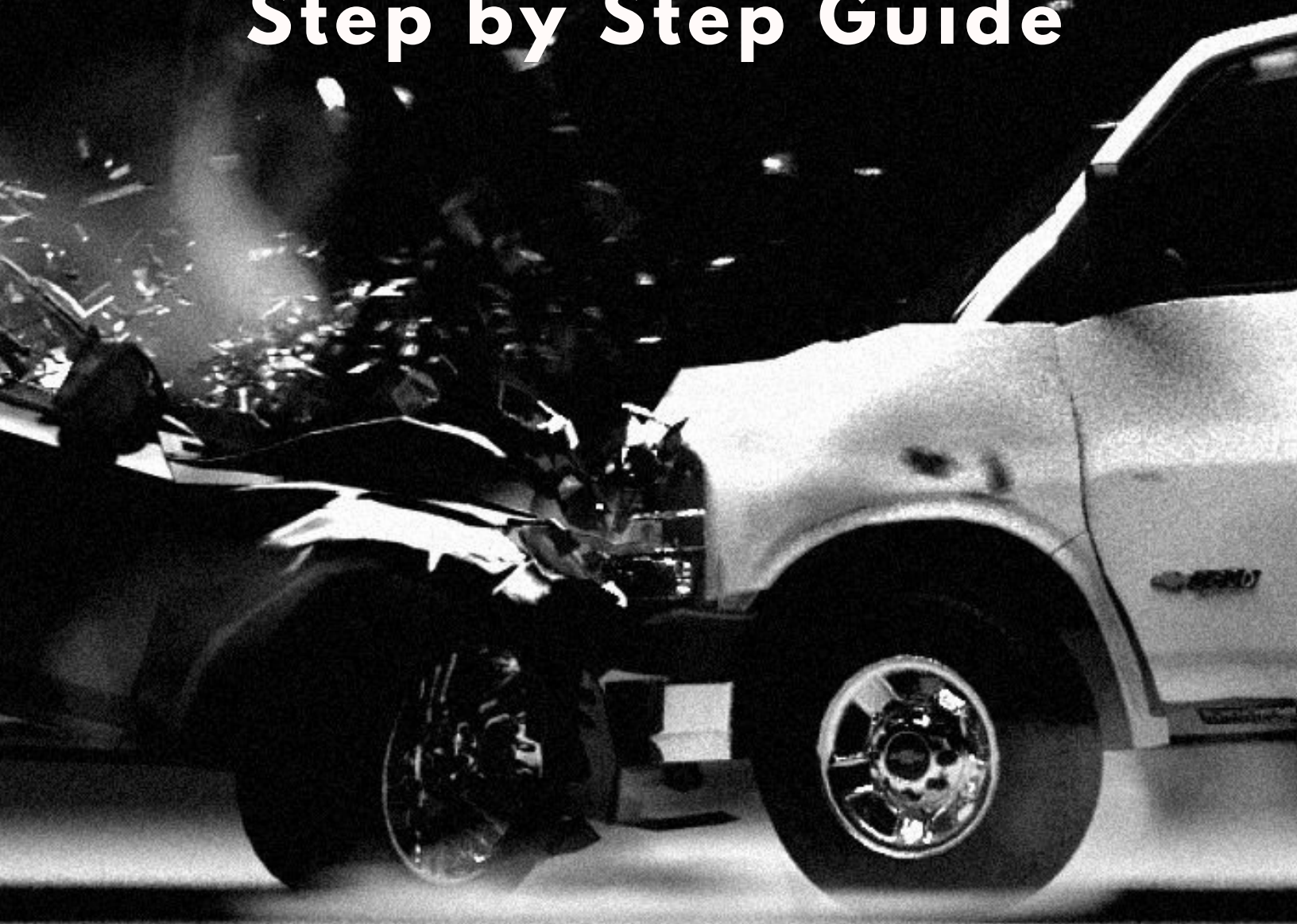




Car Accidents Step by Step Guide



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Nobody wants to get into a car accident.
If you do, here are some steps to remember:

*Safety should always be your top priority. Only use these tips if it's *SAFE* to do so.

Step 1: Am I Hurt?

Make sure you are stopped in a safe spot.

If you are in immediate pain, get appropriate medical treatment
ASAP.

You will need to gauge if you need to go to the emergency room and
whether you need an ambulance.

Step 2: Call the Police

Always have the police make a crash report.

Having a police report prevents the other driver from changing
their story when an insurance claim is set up.

DO NOT TRUST - "I'll have my insurance handle it."
Trusting someone's word won't get your claim paid.



Step 3:

Take Pictures

Take pictures of the scene of the accident, the damage to all vehicles involved, and any injuries you have (cuts, scrapes, bruises).

Try to get pictures of the other person's driver's license and any defects with the other person's vehicle - bald tires, out-of-date inspection sticker.

Step 4:

Get Insurance Information

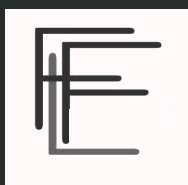
If you are able to, get the other driver's insurance information.

Step 5:

Do Not Speak to the Insurance Companies

Insurance companies will try to get a statement from you ASAP
Do Not Give a Statement!

Insurance companies will use your statement against you!
Most people do not realize that their statements actually hurt their claims!



Step 6: Contact an Attorney

A lot of people think they can handle claims on their own - WRONG.

Insurance companies are businesses - they make money off taking premiums and NOT PAYING claims.

An attorney helps reduce the stress associated with a car accident. They know how to deal with insurance companies.

Step 7: Focus on Your Health

If you were hurt in the accident, it is important to focus on getting back into good health.

A way insurance companies get away with paying less is if you do not consistently get treatment to get better. They will try to say you are not really hurt.

Let your attorney handle the piles of paperwork, investigating your claim, and dealing with the insurance company.

