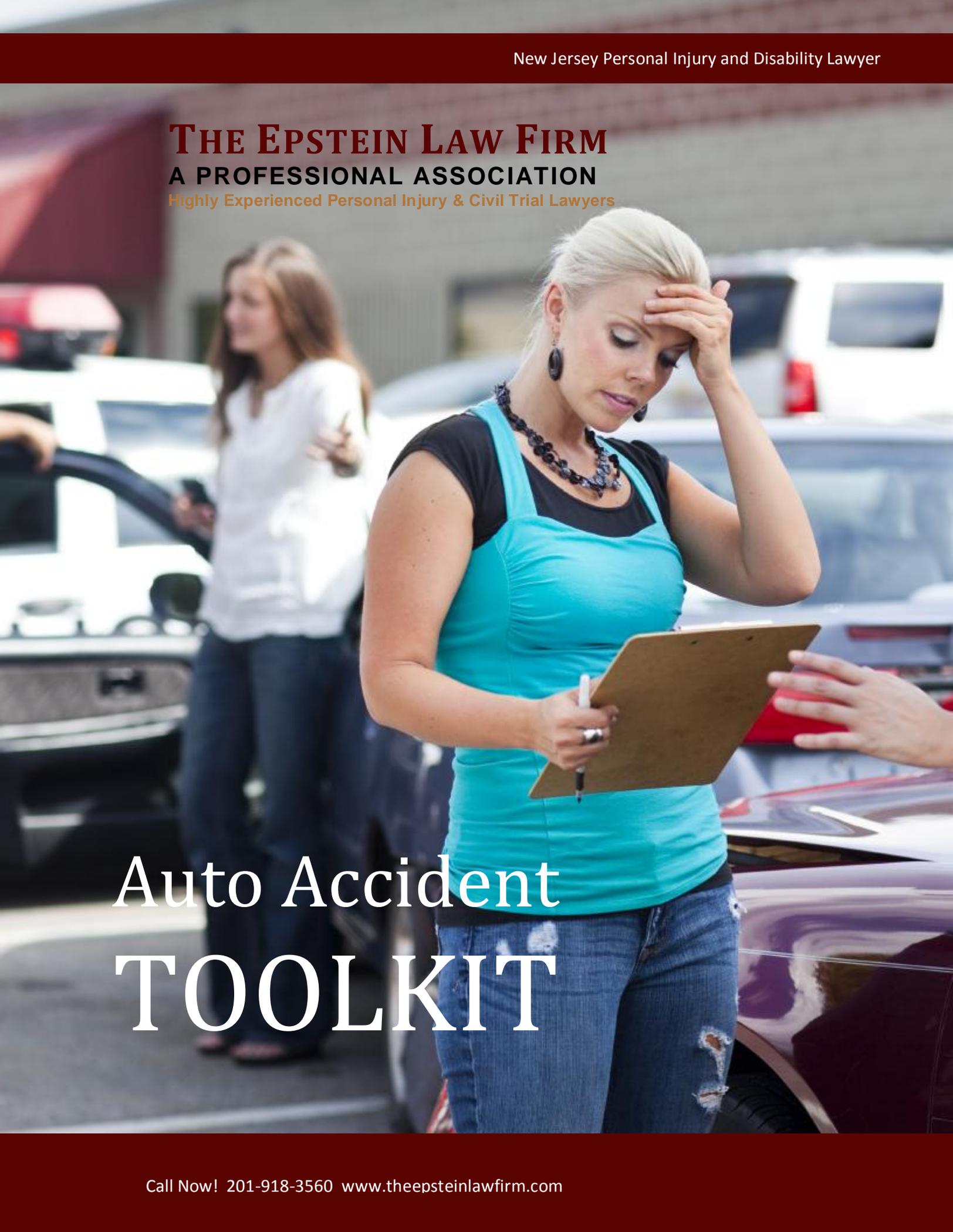


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Auto Accident
TOOLKIT

Your Auto Accident Toolkit

The aftermath of a car, truck or motorcycle accident can be a confusing, painful time. Most people have never been in an accident before, and are unprepared to deal with insurance companies and medical providers. The fact is, however, the steps you take right now can dramatically impact your financial recovery.

The first thing you should do after an accident is to call the police and make sure that a report is made. The second thing you should do is take photographs of your car and the other car. The third thing you should do is get checked out by a doctor. Finally, you should hire an attorney. Your attorney will handle communications with the insurance company and help you take appropriate steps to ensure you are treated fairly.

One of the other things you can do to protect yourself is to take good notes.

The toolkit, which contains places to fill out relevant information after an accident, is not a legal document. Filling out this document **does not establish an attorney-client relationship with you and our firm**. What this document does do, however, is help you and your lawyer build the strongest possible claim.

At The Epstein Law Firm, we offer a free initial consultation to discuss your accident in detail. We represent people across Bergen County and beyond. Call us at **201-918-3560** to set up an appointment.

INFORMATION YOU CAN GET ABOUT YOUR ACCIDENT

1. Get medical records from your treating physician.
2. Get a copy of the police report.
3. Take photographs of the damage to your car and the other car.
4. Get a copy of your car insurance policy.

NOTES ABOUT THE ACCIDENT SCENE

When did the accident happen? _____

Where did the accident happen? _____

Describe the accident as best as you can:

Name and contact information for the other driver or drivers:

Other driver's insurance information:

Names and contact information of other passengers in your vehicle:

Your auto insurance information:

Who was the law enforcement agent who first responded to your accident?

What was the name of the paramedic and ambulance number?

What did you tell the paramedic was wrong with you? What did they say?

Was anyone else in the accident treated by paramedics? If so, who?

What hospital did you go to after the accident? Who treated you?

What did you tell the people at the hospital what was wrong with you? What treatments did you receive?

List all medical providers who have treated you since the accident.

Did the other driver appear to be intoxicated, angry or distracted? Could you tell if he or she was using their phone while driving?

Was your car damaged? _____ If so, how?

Did you take pictures of the damage to your car? _____ The other car? _____

Have you talked to your insurance company? _____ If yes, what did you discuss?

Have you talked to the other driver's insurance company? _____
(If no, do not talk to an insurance company without a lawyer.)

Who did you talk to? _____

What did you talk about?

Do your injuries prevent you from working?

Do your injuries prevent you from performing certain tasks at work?

Do your injuries prevent you from performing other tasks around your home?

Do your injuries prevent you from participating in recreational activities? If so, what activities?

Have you ever been in an accident before where you have sustained injuries? If so, when?

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SOME OF BERGEN COUNTY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- Bergen County Sheriff's Office: 201-646-2200
- Bergenfield Police Department: 201-387-4000
- Cliffside Park Police Department: 201-945-3600
- East Rutherford Police Department: 201- 438-0165
- Englewood Police Department: 201-568-2711
- Fair Lawn Police Department: 201-796-1400
- Fort Lee Police Department: 201-592-3700
- Garfield Police Department: 973-478-8500
- Hackensack Police Department: 201-646-7777
- Lodi Police Headquarters: 973-473-7600
- Mahwah Police Department: 201-529-1000
- Paramus Police Department: 201-262-3400
- Ridgewood Police Department: 201-652-3900
- Rochelle Park Township Police Department: 201-843-1515
- Rutherford Police Department: 201-939-6000
- Teaneck Police Department: 201-837-2600
- Wyckoff City Police Station: 201-891-2121