

# If you are involved in a minor accident, follow these **FOUR** steps:

## 1 ASSESS

Check for injuries. If anyone is injured, call 911 immediately and wait for emergency responders.

## 2 MOVE IT... Yes, you can!

Determine whether the vehicles are moveable. Move vehicles out of the travel lane to the nearest safe location.

## 3 NOTIFY

If there are no serious injuries, call your local non-emergency law enforcement number to report the incident. Give them your exact location and follow the dispatcher's instructions.

## 4 REPORT

Exchange driver, vehicle, and insurance information, (See Motorist information Exchange cards on other side of this form.)

Report the incident as instructed by law enforcement and your insurance provider.

## State of Tennessee Statute TCA 55-10-117

According to Tennessee law, when a motor vehicle traffic crash occurs on an interstate or other controlled-access highway with no apparent serious personal injury or death, the driver of each vehicle involved should remove their vehicle from the roadway whenever the move may be done safely and the vehicle is capable of being normally and safely driven.

To help ease traffic congestion, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Tennessee Department of Safety have entered into an interagency memorandum of understanding to work together to ensure public safety, promote the safe and orderly flow of traffic, protect the safety of emergency responders, and restore the roadway to full capacity as soon as possible following an incident. This is part of TDOT's SmartWay System, an intelligent transportation plan to address traffic congestion.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has placed signs along the state's interstate system reminding motorists to move their damaged vehicles to the shoulder if no serious injury has occurred.

TDOT also has HELP units along Tennessee's urban Interstates to help motorists clear their vehicles off the road and to help with any traffic problems.

For more information, visit the TDOT website at [www.tn.gov/tdot](http://www.tn.gov/tdot) or scan the QR code below.



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*Non-Injury Crash?*

# MOVE IT

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Moving your damaged vehicle off the roadway helps clear crashes quickly, reduces congestion, and improves safety conditions for all motorists and emergency responders.

### Should I move my vehicle off the roadway?

Have you ever been involved in a minor traffic crash on the highway? Did you leave your vehicle right where it was until the police arrived? Did you think you were “not supposed to” move it off the roadway?



### MOVE IT ... YES, you can!

Yes, you can move your vehicle out of the way. In fact, Tennessee law states that you must make every reasonable effort to move a disabled vehicle or have it moved so as not to obstruct the regular flow of traffic, as long as the vehicle is driveable and there are no injuries.

Police and insurance companies will not penalize you for moving your vehicle off the road.

### Clearing crashes quickly from travel lanes helps reduce congestion.

- National studies have shown that up to 20% of all collisions on interstate-type roadways are “secondary,” attributable to an earlier crash that has not been fully cleared.
- One Minute spent on the scene by fire and rescue personnel, police, and other responders causes five minutes of traffic congestion.

### By moving your vehicle out of the way, you will help:

- Improve response and clearance times at crash scenes.
- Reduce crash-related traffic congestion and delay.
- Reduce subsequent crashes
- Improve safety conditions for fire and rescue, police, and other responders.

### Motorist Information Exchange Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy / Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make / Model: \_\_\_\_\_

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