



## **WHAT TO DO IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN ACCIDENT**

### **Be prepared**

- Keep note paper and a pen in your car.
- Have a list with you of any relevant medical information for you and your family.
- Carry a small emergency kit in your vehicle that has cones or flares.
- Know which local wrecker service and body shop you will use if necessary.

### **Immediately after an accident**

- Stay calm!
- Check for injuries; call an ambulance when in doubt.
- Turn on your vehicle's hazard lights and use cones, warning triangles or flares for safety.
- If the accident is minor, move your vehicle out of traffic to a safe place.
- Call the police, even if the accident is minor.
- Notify your insurance agent immediately.
- If necessary, call a wrecker to deliver your vehicle to your selected body shop.

### **Other important tips**

- Be polite.
- State only the facts, and limit your discussion of the accident to the police and your insurance agent.
- Don't tell anyone the accident was your fault, even if you think it is.
- Don't sign anything, except the police report.
- Take pictures of the damage with a digital camera or cell phone if you are able to.
- Make notes about the accident, including specific vehicle damage and witness information.
- Get the name of the driver and the name of the registered owner, if different.
- Do not leave the accident scene before the police do so.