

HOW TO REPORT A CAR ACCIDENT IN TEXAS

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

If you have questions about reporting a car accident, call Sutliff & Stout at:

(713) 987-7111

CALL 911

After any car accident, regardless of how serious, you should call 911. A police officer or other law enforcement officer will be dispatched to the scene of your accident. He or she will prepare a police report (sometimes called an “accident report” or “incident report”) that contains important details about your accident.

A police report can be crucial to establishing fault during the insurance claims process or in a personal injury lawsuit.

NON-EMERGENCY

The Houston non-emergency phone number is:

(713) 884-3131

OBTAINING A TEXAS CRASH REPORT

The Texas Department of Transportation (or “TxDOT”) maintains an archive of all crash records for the State of Texas.

To obtain the report, you will need to provide at least two of the following pieces of information:

- ✓ Name of any person involved in the crash,
- ✓ Date of the crash, and/or
- ✓ Location of the crash.

The costs for a copy of a crash report are as follows:

- \$6.00 for a regular copy.
- \$8.00 for a certified copy. A certified copy will be required for most legal proceedings.