

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT

(AE Reg 190-1/USNAVEUR Inst 11240.6T/USAFE Inst 31-202)

Write in telephone numbers on the cover.
Use this space for notes (see step 5).

MILITARY POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Civilian number: +49 07031 - 15 - 3102
(German area code) (civ-to-mil prefix and number)

Military number: 431 - 3102
(Number)

GERMAN POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Civilian number: 110 Police / 112 Ambulance
(Local German police number)

INSURANCE COMPANY TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Civilian number: _____
(Your insurance agent's number)

1. Above all, do not leave the scene of the accident. "Hit and run" is a serious criminal offense. If you leave the scene of an accident, your insurance company may deny you coverage.

2. Take necessary emergency steps. If someone is injured, call for medical assistance and make sure that oncoming traffic is warned by placing a warning triangle 100 meters from the scene of the accident. Use your first-aid kit if needed.

3. Call the police. If the accident occurs on a U.S. installation or casern, call the military police immediately. If the accident occurs off a U.S. installation, you must notify the German police, who may or may not respond to non-injury accidents. (You must report accidents that occur off U.S. installations to the military police within 72 hours. This will help you later if you have to appear in court and when your insurance company needs information.) Whether or not the police respond, be sure to take all steps in the next paragraph.

4. Get information from other drivers involved in the accident.

Get the name, nationality, age, license number, vehicle registration number, and the name, address, and policy number of the insurance company of other drivers involved. Give other drivers the same information about you. Get names and addresses of witnesses, especially those who may testify in your favor.

5. Write down the facts surrounding the accident. Draw a diagram of the position of vehicles involved, the direction vehicles were traveling, point of impact, and any other relevant information, such as position of traffic signs and signals near the scene. Take pictures of the accident scene and of vehicle damage if possible.

6. Cooperate with the police, but be careful what you say. Cooperate fully with civilian and military police. The police report may be important later as evidence in determining fault. Give yourself time to formulate answers to police questions; if you are not careful, you may say something that could be used against you later. Cases have occurred, for example, in which comments such as "I'm sorry this happened" have been used in court as an admission of guilt.