

Quick Quiz

The first person to call if you're involved in an auto accident is?

- A. Your Mother
- B. A Lawyer
- C. The Police
- D. Your Insurance Agent
- E. Local TV crew

If you didn't select the police, it's time for a review.

Getting Help

Getting emergency service professionals, such as the police, involved immediately can create the documentation you need to get your car and your life back to normal as soon as possible.

The National Safety Council reports that one in eight licensed drivers is involved in a motor vehicle accident each year. This brochure offers advice on what you can do at the scene of an accident to help you walk away with the information you'll need later. Keep a copy in your car's glove compartment in case you are involved in an auto accident.



At The Scene

It's important to take the time at the accident scene to exchange information with the other drivers. Fill in as many of the blanks below as you can for each vehicle involved (other than your own).

1. Contact and Insurance Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Home telephone: _____
Work telephone: _____
Cell phone: _____
Driver's license number/State: _____
Insurance company name: _____
Policy number: _____

2. Vehicle Information

Make: _____
Model: _____
Year: _____
License plate number/State: _____

3. General Observations

Number of passengers in vehicles involved: _____
Approximate condition of passengers: _____
Approximate condition of vehicles involved: _____
Time of day: _____
Weather: _____
Road conditions: _____
Any other contributing conditions: _____

4. Police Officer Information

Name of law enforcement agency: _____
Name(s) of officer(s) on the scene: _____
Case number (if assigned at the scene): _____

5. Witness Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Home telephone: _____
Work telephone: _____

6. Injuries or Property Damage

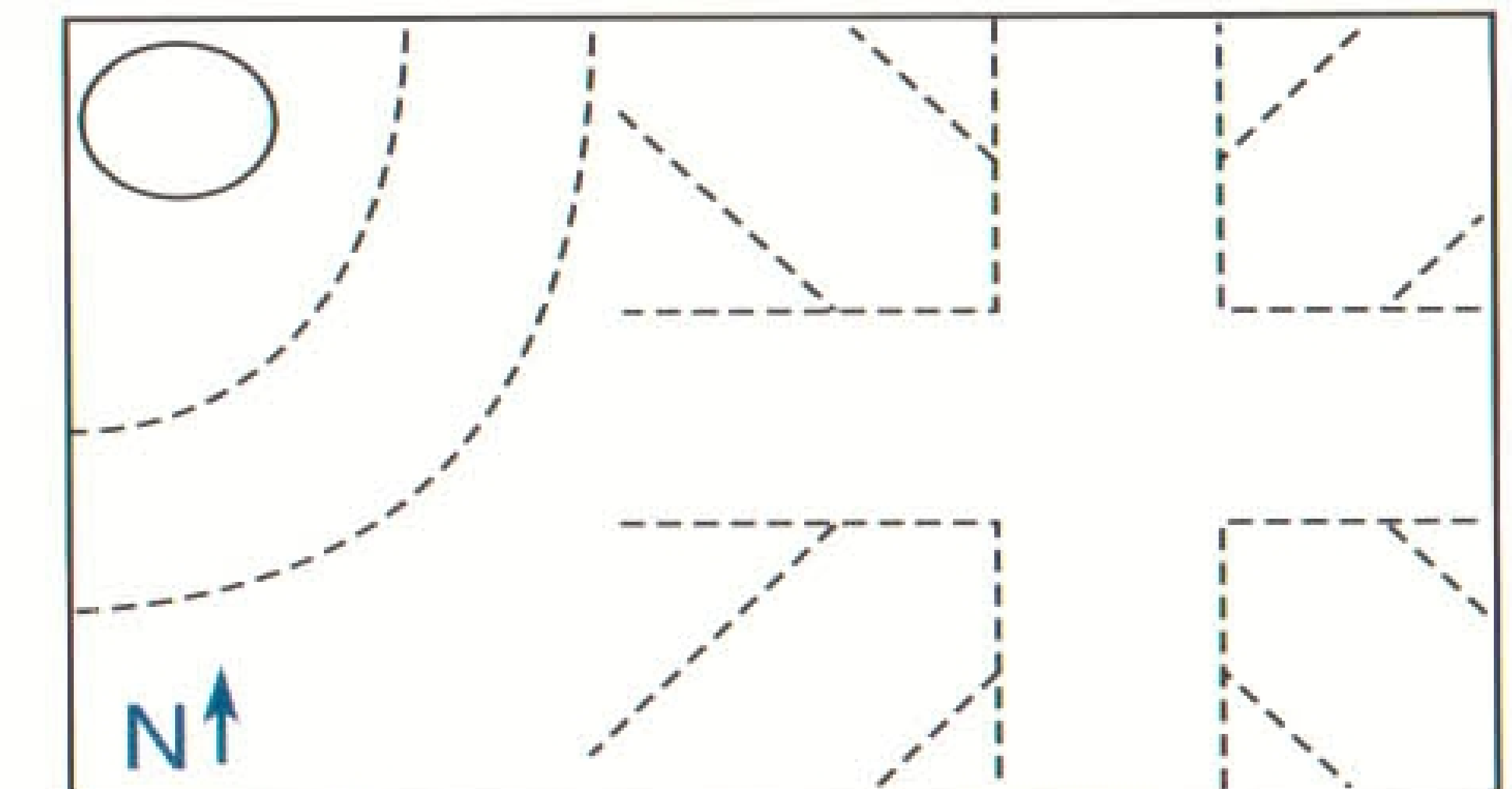
Name: _____
Address: _____
Home telephone: _____
Work telephone: _____
Nature of injury or property damage: _____

After The Accident

Record your recollections in words and pictures. Write a quick description of the accident, including diagrams, as soon after the accident as you can. Even the best memory can fade or be influenced by other viewpoints over time.

Draw the position of all vehicles before and after the accident.

Include as much detail as you can, such as location of signs, intersections and other landmarks



Notify Your Independent Insurance Agent

As soon as you have taken care of everything at the scene of the accident, notify your independent insurance agent. Most agents will accept first notification of an accident on their voice mail after hours.

Keep copies of all documentation relating to the accident.