

With special thanks to Janet Seide for developing the basis for this tool If You're in a Car Accident

Do These Things	You Can Say Something Like This
First ask the people in the other car if they are ok and if they are injured. If they are hurt, ask if they would like you to call 911, or if they want something else. You can explain you have a disability if you want them to know. If they are so hurt they cannot answer you,	"Are you OK, are you hurt? Do you want me to call 911? My name is and I have (disability)."
call 911. If there are no injuries, keep going down this list and you will call 911 soon.	
If the cars are drivable, ask other driver to pull over to the side of the road. If there is no side of road, it is ok to pull into someone's driveway or a nearby parking lot.	"Let's pull over to the side or the shoulder of the road."
If you haven't called 911 yet, you can call once you've moved the car to a safe spot. Tell the other driver you will call. When someone answers the phone, tell them you've been in a car accident, and you would like to file a police report. Give them your name. Answer all of their questions. You can tell them you have a disability and ask them to send an officer who is good at helping people with disabilities.	"My name is (name), and I was in a car accident. I would like to file a police report. I have (disability). Can you send an officer who knows about disabilities?"
You will have to tell the 911 operator the address of the accident, or if you don't know exactly, give them the name of the street you are on. If you aren't sure, they can help you figure it out by asking where you are going and what you see nearby. You can ask the other driver involved if they know, too.	"I am near the intersection of these two roads (name the roads)."
After you are done with the call, exchange registration, license, and insurance information with the other driver involved in the accident. Take a photo on your phone of the front and back of all the cards. Give them your cards so they can take a photograph.	"Can I have your license, registration, and insurance cards please?"
Ask the other driver for their phone number. Save it in your phone. Give them your number.	"Can I have your phone number?"
Take photographs (including all details from all sides) while you are still at the scene of the accident. Take pictures of both cars and the area where the accident took place.	"I'm going to take pictures of everything."
Wait for the police.	"Now we can just wait for the police."
When the police come, they will ask you a lot of the same questions the 911 operator did. Tell them about the accident. They will tell you when it is safe for you to leave.	"My name is This is what happened. (Describe the accident)."
If you cannot drive away safely, call for a tow truck. The police can help you do this if you need help. If you are having your car towed, decide where you want them to take it to be fixed. Call your family, friends, or someone who can drive you home.	"I need a tow truck at (address where you are). I need my car driven to (repair shop)."