

# CRASH CHECKLIST

Put it in your spokes, so it's handy

- Tell the driver to stay until the police arrive. If they refuse to stay or don't provide ID, get their and the car's description, vehicle's license plate # and state of issue.
- Call (or ask someone to call) 911 and ask for the police.
- Get name and contact info for any witnesses.
- Get name, phone, address, insurance information and date of birth of motorist.

## WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE

- Ask them to take an incident report (req'd for collisions with injury/property damage, SFPD General Order 9.02).
- Get reporting police officer's name and badge number.
- If you've been doored, ask the officer to cite the motorist for dooring (a violation of CVC 22517).
- While a doctor's report of your injury is important for insurance and/or legal action, you do not need to take an ambulance. If there is any complaint of pain, police must take an incident report (SFPD General Order 9.02).

## IN THE DAYS SOON AFTER THE CRASH

- Contact witnesses to ask them to email you their version of what happened while it's fresh in their mind. Email yourself a description of what happened with relevant information and capture as much detail as you can.
- Take good photos of your injuries and any bike damage. Get an estimate from a bike shop before making repairs.
- Request a copy of the incident report from the police.



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San Francisco Bicycle Coalition  
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