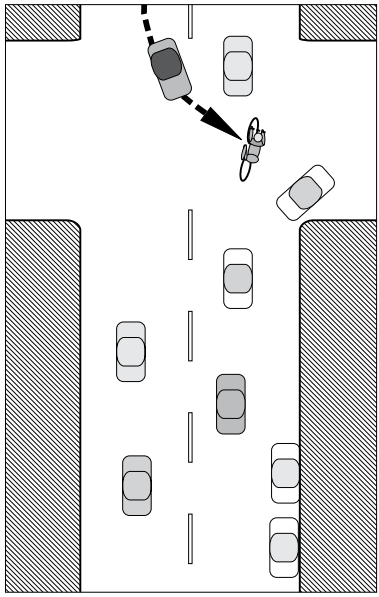
What to do if you get in a collision

If you are involved in a bicycle crash, always assume you are injured and **DON'T REFUSE MEDICAL ATTENTION,** even if you feel that you may not need it. You may be in shock, injuries may not be apparent immediately, and professional medical documentation is critical in any insurance claims, not to mention for your health and well-being.

CALL 911 AND REPORT THE COLLISION IMMEDIATELY.

ALWAYS MAKE A POLICE REPORT. If you are injured, it is required that the Police come to the scene and make a complete collision report. **IF YOU DO NOT GET A POLICE REPORT ON THE SCENE,** obtain the other driver's license number, insurance information, vehicle license plate number and description of both the car and driver. If this isn't all possible, write down or remember the license plate number.In property damage-only collisions, the police are not required to come to the scene to complete a report. In this case, you should go to the local police station and file a "counter report". This is critical in the event of later insurance claims or legal action.

DON'T DISCUSS FAULT IMMEDIATELY AFTER A COLLISION. You may want to reassure a shocked driver that things will be okay, but don't say anything that limits or admits fault in the collision. Make sure to write down what you think happened as soon as possible, and in as much detail as you can remember. If you can, draw a diagram of how the collision happened. Always carry ID, medical insurance information, and emergency contact information, especially if you're riding alone.



Failure to Yield when Turning Left

DOCUMENT YOUR INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE with photos or videotape, and save all receipts and repair estimates. Save your bike even if it has been totaled. Contact your insurance company if you have coverage for your bicycle. You may also want to contact an attorney.