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## Auto Accidents - Information That Matters!

Nebraska has thousands of miles of highway. Car accidents are going to happen. But what do you do if you are in an accident? Most of us don't give that question much thought until we are faced with the unfortunate circumstance ourselves. What you do immediately after you are in an accident can make a huge difference in how an injury claim is handled.



### You should:

1. Stop your car immediately in a safe location.
2. Check on all drivers and passengers for injuries.
3. Call an ambulance if necessary.
4. Call the police.
5. Exchange all drivers' information – name, address, phone number, driver's license number, license plate number, registration number, a detailed description of each vehicle involved and insurance information.
6. Get names, phone numbers and addresses of all witnesses, including vehicle passengers.
7. Take photographs of the accident scene, roadway and damage to vehicles.
8. Go to the hospital or your primary physician to get examined.

### You should NOT :

1. Leave the scene unless you need immediate medical attention.
2. Discuss the accident with other drivers.
3. Admit fault.
4. Agree to pay for any damages.
5. Discuss your injuries with anyone until you have been examined by a doctor.

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## Test Your Driving IQ!

T/F

1. Being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is a major contributing factor in Nebraska crashes resulting in death and/or serious injury. ☐
2. The risk of being in a crash begins to rise noticeably between .04% and .05% BAC, and increases rapidly thereafter. ☐
3. At .05% BAC a driver is at no risk of being involved in an accident. ☐
4. Nebraska law requires the driver and all front seat passengers to properly wear safety belts. ☐
5. Children under age six must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved child passenger restraint system. ☐
6. It is possible that when an air bag deploys, even in a low speed crash, it can pose some risk of injury to children age 12 and younger, elderly drivers and passengers, and short statured adults of 5 feet or less. ☐
7. Never use a rear facing infant safety seat in the front passenger seat of an airbag equipped vehicle. ☐
8. Motorists should merge with bicycle traffic when preparing for a right hand turn. ☐
9. Motorcyclists should not constantly change positions within a lane. ☐
10. Physicians and/or pharmacists should be consulted regarding any prescription medication and its possible effects on driving. ☐
11. Children and infants in child safety seats should always be placed in the rear seat of vehicles equipped with a passenger side air bag. ☐
12. The "Blind Spot" is the area directly in front of your vehicle. ☐
13. On two way streets, it's equally important to leave room between oncoming traffic and parked cars. ☐
14. Turning right at a red light after stopping is allowed, unless signs prohibiting it are posted at the intersection. ☐
15. The correct hand signal for a left turn is left arm out and fully extended. ☐
16. Flagpersons have the authority to stop traffic. ☐
17. Headlights must be used from 9 pm to 9 am. ☐
18. At a four way stop, common courtesy is that the driver who stops first should be permitted to go first. ☐
19. You may pass if a solid yellow line is on your side of the middle of a two-lane highway. ☐
20. Making a left turn is the only lawful crossing allowed over double yellow lines ☐
21. Pedestrians have the right of way when in crosswalks even if the driver has the green light. ☐
22. If you park facing uphill where there is a curb, you should set the parking brake and turn the wheels away from the curb. ☐
23. White lines separate lanes of traffic going in the same direction. ☐
24. It is unlawful to exceed the posted speed limit when passing. ☐
25. The State has established different Blood Alcohol Concentration legal limits, based on a driver's age and type of vehicle he/she is driving. ☐

\*The Driver's Practice Exam is provided by AAA Nebraska and the Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation with the cooperation of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

Answers on next page.

## Recipe of the Month

## White Chocolate Fruit Tart

By Jody Batenhorst, Legal Assistant



### **Crust:**

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup butter, softened  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup confectioners' sugar  
 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

### **Filling:**

1 pkg. (10 oz.) Vanilla baking chips, melted  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup whipping cream  
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

### **Topping Glaze:**

3 T sugar  
 2 t cornstarch  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  t lemon juice

### **Toppings:**

1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, un-drained  
 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced  
 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained  
 2 kiwifruit, peeled and sliced

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Gradually add flour: mix well. Press into an ungreased 11 inch tart pan or 12 inch pizza pan with sides. Bake at 300 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. In a mixing bowl, beat chips and cream. Add cream cheese and beat until smooth. Spread over crust. Chill for 30 minutes. Drain pineapple, saving  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of juice. Arrange fruit over filling. In a saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, and pineapple juice: bring to boil over medium heat. Boil for 2 minutes or until thickened, stirring constantly. Cool. Brush over fruit. Chill 1 hour before serving. Store in the refrigerator.

## Move Over, Nebraska!

We've all been there before – stranded on the side of the road for one reason or another with traffic flying by. Nebraska's Move Over Law was adopted a few years ago to "give some space" to stranded motorists, roadside assistance cars and emergency vehicles. You may have heard of it, but do you know what it means? Drivers in Nebraska are required to move over a lane when approaching a stopped emergency or roadside assistance vehicle. If you are unable to move over due to road or weather conditions or traffic, slow down and maintain a safe speed while passing.

After determining it is safe to change lanes, you must move over to provide a clear lane of traffic as you approach the following vehicles with flashing lights:

- Tow Service vehicles
- Motorist Assist vehicles
- Fire fighting vehicles
- Emergency medical service vehicles
- Department of Roads vehicles
- Law enforcement vehicles



## Driving IQ Test Answers:

1.T	6.T	11.T	16.T	21.T
2.T	7.T	12.F	17.F	22.T
3.F	8.T	13.T	18.T	23.T
4.T	9.F	14.T	19.F	24.T
5.T	10.T	15.T	20.T	25.T



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## Quick Tip!



**Spring is here. With it comes young children outside enjoying the weather and not necessarily paying attention to traffic in the area. As drivers, we need to be aware of the potential hazard this combination can have.**

**Slow down in residential areas, around parks and schools. Give young children a "brake" and keep them and you safe!**

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