

Crash!

Now what do you do?

First, check for injuries. Call 911 immediately if anyone has been injured.

Provide accurate information.

When calling 911, provide the following information:

- Where the incident is located
 - The road on which you are traveling
 - Nearest cross street or mile marker
 - Direction of travel
- Number of lanes blocked
- Description of the incident
- The severity of any injuries

Steer it, clear it. If no one has been injured and your vehicle can still be driven, move your vehicle out of traffic. If your vehicle is disabled, do not risk injury attempting to push it out of traffic by yourself.

Stay safe. If your vehicle cannot be moved, stay inside with your seat belt fastened until help arrives. To help prevent secondary crashes, warn oncoming traffic of the incident or hazard by turning on your hazard lights or raising the hood of your vehicle.

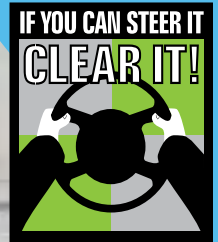
Remember!

- Remain calm
- Watch out for traffic
- If you can steer it, clear it
- Stay inside your vehicle while waiting for help

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Know the law in Wisconsin



After a traffic Crash,

if your vehicle can be driven and no one is injured, move the vehicle to a location where it won't obstruct traffic.

Wisconsin's Incident Clearance Law

Have you ever been involved in a "fender bender" and left your car in traffic? Cars involved in traffic crashes that are left in the roadway contribute to backups that can cause more incidents.

In 1998, the Wisconsin Legislature revised state law pertaining to the clearance of traffic crashes. That law, often referred to as "Steer It, Clear It," instructs drivers – if there are no injuries and the vehicles can be driven – to move their vehicles to a safe location and then exchange information or contact the police.

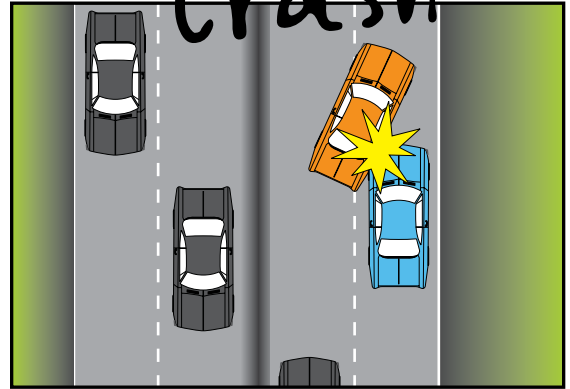
The Steer It, Clear It Law:

- **Requires motorists** involved in crashes – if the vehicle is able to be driven and no one is injured in the crash – to move the vehicle to a location where it will obstruct traffic as little as possible.
- **Permits law enforcement** and other response agencies to quickly remove vehicles, crash debris and spilled materials.
- **Grants immunity** from civil damages to any person who, at the direction of law enforcement, removes or stores a disabled vehicle, crash debris or other obstruction. Civil damages may still be incurred for failure to exercise reasonable care in these efforts or for conduct that is willful, reckless or malicious.
- **Reduces occurrences of secondary crashes** by removing obstructions from the highways and returning normal traffic flow quicker, providing safer conditions.

1997 Wisconsin Act 258

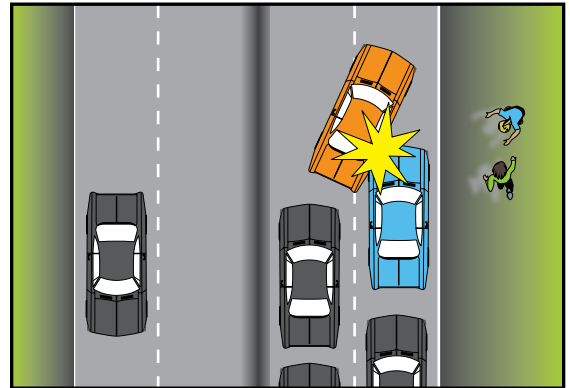
WI Statutes 346.67-68 and 349.13

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