

ACCIDENT SCENE

Ensure the safety of everyone

Call the ambulance on Triple Zero (000)

Step 1

COMING ACROSS AN ACCIDENT

- Position your car in between the accident scene and the oncoming traffic.
- Arrange for someone to slow down, or completely stop, oncoming traffic. Beware of oncoming traffic at all times.
- Quickly assess the situation making sure to look for any electrical lines or hazardous materials. If electrical lines are down stay at least 6 meters away. Do not become a casualty yourself.
- Count the number of casualties and assess the severity of their injuries.



Step 2

COMMENCING TREATMENT

- Call, or arrange for someone else to call, 000 for an ambulance.
- Remember to give clear information regarding your location, the number of casualties and the severity of the injuries. Leave your phone number with the operator in case the ambulance service requires further information.
- Turn off the ignition of the vehicle, apply handbrake and place keys on the floor of the vehicle.
- Assess and begin treatment of injuries.
- When treating always consider the possibility of neck and spinal injuries.



Phone 000

Step 3

WAITING FOR THE AMBULANCE

- Observe the behaviour of casualties with “minor” injuries as an accident can be very traumatic.
- Give any assistance needed and help people with minor injuries by applying slings or splints.
- When the ambulance arrives give the officers a brief description of the injuries and alert them to the most seriously injured.
- Ensure that your safety is the primary consideration before commencing any treatment.

