

What Should You Do Regarding an Accident?

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Accidents happen. We often see them as we are driving. Do you know what you should be doing when you see an accident? Here is what Emergency Services says: What to do when you approach an emergency scene on the road: Many drivers who approach an emergency scene on the roadway don't know how to react or what to do. This confusion can be deadly for first responders, vehicle crash victims, and other motorists approaching an emergency scene on the roadway.

Your Fire Brigade wants to share some tips for what to do when you are approaching an emergency scene on the roadway, whether it's an accident, a disabled car, a weather related issue, or a planned closure:

(A) If at all possible, avoid the area and take an alternate route. Do not make an illegal turn to avoid the incident, but instead plan a different route when you hear there is an issue.

(B) SLOW DOWN as you approach and pass the incident. Remain alert

for unexpected occurrences, as this is a different situation than normal roadway driving.

(C) MOVE OVER any time you approach a stopped emergency vehicle. Move your vehicle over a lane away from the incident, as long as it is safe to do so. This gives first responders room to work on the incident.

(D) If no responders are yet on the scene and you have a hands free cell phone, call 911 to report the incident. Note the location by mile marker and/or landmark so you can report it accurately.

(E) Look for and obey all temporary traffic control signs and directions from first responders, including lane closures. Temporary traffic control creates a safe work area for first responders to treat victims and remove damaged vehicles; motorist cooperation with traffic control is needed for the work area to be truly safe.

(F) Never attempt to go around an emergency scene on the shoulder,

drive through it, or turn around to avoid it or the traffic queue. These actions put you, other motorists, and first responders at risk of death and injury.

(G) Do not take photos or video of the incident as you pass it and do not post on social media. This distracts you from driving, which may cause an accident. It is also disrespectful to the victims and their families, who are going through a traumatic experience. There have been situations where posts, rather than through an official notification from emergency services, who can provide needed support during the notification. Don't put a family through the trauma of finding that out in a public forum.

(H) Do not pick up your cell phone to notify friends, family or others of the emergency scene or that you will be delayed. Distracted driving kills thousands of people every year and injures tens of thousands. Don't be one.

(I) Remain alert, even if you have to sit in traffic. Now is not the time to let your attention wander or use your cell phone. Unexpected events can happen at emergency incidents and you must be alert so you can react.

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LAVERS, Margaret Laura (Yuill) "Peg" - 101 - Truro She had an amazing journey which ended peacefully on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 after blessing us with her presence for 101 years. Born November 1, 1916 at the family farm in Clifton on the outskirts of Truro, NS, she was the third of eleven children of the late Peter Suther Yuill and Harriet Ethel "Hattie" (Burgess) Yuill she married Malcolm Gerald Lavers on December 17, 1941 together they had three children. She is survived by her three children Sharon (Garry) Boyce, Arlene (Dick) Audas and Peter (Susan) Lavers, eight grandchildren Craig (Joanne) Boyce, Kelly (John Griffin) Boyce, Alyson (Allan Livingstone) Boyce, Dr. Richard "Rick" (Moir) Audas, Michelle (Michael Baldwin) Audas, Amanda "Amy" (Jonathan Sheppard) Lavers, Matthew (Amy) Lavers, Rebecca "Becky" (Morgan Elliott) Lavers; seventeen great grandchildren and 18 nieces and nephews as well as her sister Georgina Lawson and special sister-in-law Isabel Yuill. She was predeceased by her husband Malcolm Gerald Lavers in 1975, her brothers Elmer Yuill and Donald Yuill, sisters Eleanor Hiscock, Gladys Yuill, Hilda Cox, Cora Boates, Dorothy "Dot" Davidson, Norma McGregor and Elizabeth "Betty" Burns. Thank you VON, Glen Haven Manor and Cedarstone for providing comfort and care in her final year, you folks are amazing. In Peg's memory donations may be made to St. James Presbyterian Church, Truro or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS Funeral service was held November 25, 2017. Interment to take place in Old Barns Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LEBLANC, William John "Bill" - 62, Truro, passed away November 26, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born July 13, 1955 in Truro, he was a son of the late Raymond and Pearl (Smith) LeBlanc. Bill presently was employed with Tandus Centiva formerly Crossley Carpet Mills Ltd for 38 years. In his younger years he was a member of the Air Cadets, speaking often of his experience with plane gliding. He was an active member of Connection Wesleyan Church where he faithfully served God and community. Bill was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend to all. An avid traveler, he was always up for visiting new destinations with family during holidays. One of his pastimes was following his favorite sports team, the Toronto Maple Leafs of which he knew many statistical and historical facts. He liked going to vintage car shows and knew many makes and models. Bill is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sharon (Baillie); daughter, Andrea (Jeremy) Richards, Halifax; son, Brent, at home; sisters, Joanne (Bruce MacEachern), Halifax, Sherri (Perry) Richard, Lower Harmony, Betty Joy, Vancouver, BC, Michele (John Totten), Brule Point; a niece and four nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Pearl (Smith) LeBlanc, father Raymond LeBlanc; his maternal grandparents, John and Ruth (Mattatall) Smith, New Glasgow; his paternal grandparents, William and Lucy LeBlanc, Dieppe. Funeral service was held November 30 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Ken Banks officiating assisted by Rev. Lisa Gervais. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of NS or a charity of choice. On-line condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

FISHER, John Henry Archibald - age 75, Central Onslow, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on November 26th, 2017. Born in Dean on May 1st, 1942, he was a son of the late Christopher and Emily (Dean) Fisher. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Diane (Green); daughter, Heather Maxwell at home; son Christopher (Jennifer), Truro Heights; grandchildren Alicia, Andrew, and Mikaela Maxwell, and Evan and Olivia Fisher; sisters, Penny (Frank) Pettipas, New Glasgow; Ferne (Matt) Miles, Dartmouth; Emily Dunbar, Oxford; sisters-in-law Jean Fisher, Upper Musquodoboit; Carol Fisher, Dartmouth; Ellen Fisher, New Brunswick. He was predeceased by brothers, Albert, David, Roy, Ralph, Art, Lewis, and Duncan; sisters, Margaret and Blanche; special cousin Ethel Hawes. At John's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Burial will be at a later date in Onslow Island Cemetery, Central Onslow. Donations in his memory may be made to the Colchester Branch SPCA or charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to John's family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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