

## Here's What To Do At Accident

Do you know what to do if you are first to arrive at an accident scene?

If not, you should. The state traffic safety division, Salem, pointed out Friday that knowing what to do, and doing it quickly, might prevent further accidents and save lives.

Here's why: Too often, those directly involved in a collision are in a state of semi-shock and unable to think clearly what to do even though they may not be seriously injured. When this happens, it is up to first-arrivals to help until police arrive.

Particularly stressed was the need for flagging down traffic well ahead and behind of the crash, especially if it should occur on a curve or when visibility is limited by fog or darkness. Otherwise, other drivers may plow into

the wrecked vehicles. Be certain, too, that if your help is needed you pull your car as far off the highway as possible. Spilled gasoline sets up a critical fire hazard, so watch those matches and cigarettes.

If it's serious, someone should be sent immediately to the nearest telephone to call for police and ambulance help, the division reminded. Safety men cautioned against attempting to move an injured person without waiting for an ambulance or someone well trained in first-aid.

One other thing: Unless you are first on the scene and your help is needed, the most constructive thing you can do is continue past—carefully, of course. Curious onlookers cause congestion which can lead to further accidents or delay in clearing the highway.

Individuals who deliberately violate traffic laws came in Friday for harsh words from the secretary of state's traffic safety division.

Many drivers in all age groups have a standard of law observance based on the thought, "Is

there a cop around?" the division said. "If one isn't, they will break the law at every opportunity.

Stop sign and traffic signal runners probably predominate in this class, which authorities estimate includes about five or 10 per cent of all licensed operators. Once violation of a few laws is firmly established as a habit they show no reluctance to violate other traffic laws as well.

Practicing this type of traffic law observance may not involve drivers in trouble for awhile, but the fact that 94 per cent of all traffic collisions are precipitated by driver violations proves that such practices eventually catch up with them, the division said.

"If people would drive every day as if they left their driver's license at home, there would be fewer arrests and even fewer accidents and deaths," the safety office concluded.

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.—Mary Baker Eddy.

## CEMETERY GETTING NEEDED CLEAN-UP

A number of people who have plots in Wm. James Ward Memorial Cemetery have been doing a lot toward improving the park. Cleaning up and concrete work have been done in a number of

places. Those doing the work are hoping it will serve as an example to the remainder, and start a movement to beautify the grounds before Decoration Day if possible.

Speeding on U. S. streets and highways last year killed 13,870 men, women and children.

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