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**Collecting evidence
from an accident**



When cars and bikes COLLIDE

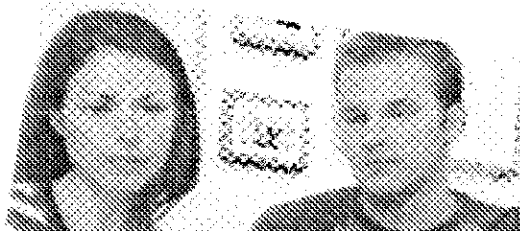
Having an accident with a car is often a cyclist's biggest fear. Fortunately, these accidents are rare. When a car and bike are involved in a collision, the bike will almost certainly be damaged and the rider may sustain injuries. If a motorist caused the accident, a cyclist should be compensated for damages to their property and injuries.

Bicyclists who are involved in an accident with a car should call the police. An officer will usually file an accident report and might ticket a negligent driver at the scene, both of which are valuable evidence. An accident report includes statements from those in the accident and witnesses. A bicyclist who is able should always be sure that they give a statement. According to Bob Mionske, a former professional rider who has a nationally known law firm that exclusively represents cyclists, when an officer doesn't request a cyclist's statement, they have made the assumption that the cyclist was at fault.

Before leaving the scene of an accident, get the name and contact information of the driver and witnesses. If you are injured, get medical treatment immediately. Take photos of the accident scene, property damage, and injuries. Be sure to call an attorney before communicating with the driver's insurance company.

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Keep your family safe by making sure none of these recalled products are in your garage or toy box.

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Contact a KTM or Husaberg dealer, or call KTM North America Inc. at (888) 985-6090.

Pottery Barn Kids Chloe, Sophie, and Audrey dolls

Hair on the Chloe and Sophie dolls may contain loops large enough to fit around a child's head and neck. The headband on the Audrey doll, if loosened, can form a loop that fits around a child's head and neck. The loops pose a strangulation hazard.

Contact Pottery Barn Kids at (855) 880-4504, or visit www.potterybarnkids.com.

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RESTAURANT PLAYGROUNDS

To children, fast-food restaurants are what dreams are made of. There they can find fabulous food, cool toy giveaways, and great playgrounds. However, parents need to closely monitor their kids as they climb, slide, swing, and have fun.

Here's why: In a settlement with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, fast-food marketer McDonald's agreed to pay the government \$4 million for failing to report more than 400 injuries to children at its playgrounds nationwide. Most accidents occurred on "The Big Mac Climber," a metal, hamburger-shaped platform

So how can parents protect their children at restaurant playgrounds?

- An adult should supervise all play and assist in emergencies.
- Encourage children to play on equipment designed for their ages.
- Safety-inspect ground surfaces for hardness or hazards such as broken glass or other sharp objects.
- Check ladders, steps, platforms, handrails, ropes, barriers, and swings, slides, seesaws, and merry-go-rounds, looking for sharp edges, loose connections, missing parts, and other dangers.
- Report and repair all hazards.