

CHAPTER 12-4 ACCIDENTS

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IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF ACCIDENT

The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or property damage shall by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the police department.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§56, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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WHEN DRIVER UNABLE TO REPORT

An accident report shall not be required from any person who is physically incapable of making such report during the period of such incapacity. Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of making such report or is physically incapable of giving notice of an accident and there is another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of doing so, such occupant in the vehicle at the time of accident shall cause to be given the notice not given by the driver.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§57, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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DUTY TO GIVE INFORMATION, RENDER AID

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall give his name, address and the license number of the vehicle he is driving, and shall upon request and if available, exhibit his operator's or chauffeur's license to the person struck or the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with, and shall render to any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the making of arrangements for the carrying of such person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary or if such carrying is requested by the injured person.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§58, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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PROPERTY DAMAGE

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible but shall forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of §12-4-3. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than necessary. Any person failing to stop or comply with said requirements under such circumstances shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§60, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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UNATTENDED VEHICLE PROPERTY

The driver of any vehicle which collides with any vehicle or other property which is unattended shall immediately stop and shall then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle or the name and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle or shall attach securely in a conspicuous place in or on the vehicle struck a written notice giving the name and address of the driver and the owner of the vehicle doing the striking and a statement of the circumstances thereof. Such driver shall without unnecessary delay notify the police department of such accident.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§61, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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DUTY UPON STRIKING FIXTURES

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to fixtures or other property legally upon or adjacent to a street shall take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact and of his name and address and of the registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall upon arrest and if available exhibit his operator's license and shall make report of such accident when and as required by ordinance or statute.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§62, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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DUTY UPON STRIKING ANIMAL

The driver of any vehicle which collides with any dog or domestic animal causing injury thereto shall stop and attempt to ascertain the owner of such animal and shall notify the department of such accident and shall also notify the humane officer thereof if such injured animal is not otherwise properly cared for.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§63, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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FILING OF ACCIDENT REPORT

The police department shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§64 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34.

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GARAGE KEEPER TO REPORT DAMAGE VEHICLE

The person in charge of any garage, repair shop or service station to which is brought any vehicle which shows evidence of having been involved in a serious accident or struck by a bullet shall report to the police department within twenty four (24) hours after such vehicle is received, giving the kind of car and license number, and the name

and address of the owner or operator of such vehicle.

Legislative History:
Ordinance No. 5, Article IV,
§65, 3/11/74.

Authority:
SDCL Ch. 32-34; See
Also § 9-29-3.