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New Mobile App Takes Guesswork Out of Auto Accident Reporting

(Juneau, AK) – The Alaska Division of Insurance (DOI) is offering a free mobile app called WreckCheck that will help drivers in the event of an auto accident.

The new WreckCheck mobile application, developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), outlines what to do immediately following an auto accident and takes users through a step-by-step process to create their own accident report. It also provides tips for staying calm, safe, and smart on the road, and makes it easy to capture photos and document the necessary information to file an insurance claim. Additionally, the app lets users email a completed accident report directly to themselves and their insurance agents.

The app is free and available for both iPhone® and Android® smartphone users by clicking on the WreckCheck link on the DOI website at:
www.commerce.alaska.gov/ins.

A survey from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) reveals that many consumers are unsure about auto accident best practices, such as when to call the police or what personal information to exchange with the other driver after an accident.

Drivers generally need only share their names and correct vehicle insurance information, which should include the phone numbers of insurance providers. Sharing additional personal information, such as driver's license numbers and home addresses, puts consumers, their property and their safety at risk.

When there is a crash resulting in either an injury or total property damage of \$2,000.00 or more, filing an Alaska Motor Vehicle Crash Form is required. This

report is not required if the crash was investigated by a peace officer. The form can be downloaded at: <https://www.dot.state.ak.us/12209/ak12209blankform.jsp> and is also available from the 'Forms' link directly from the DOI home page.

Alaska's Division of Insurance regulates the insurance industry in Alaska. For more information, visit www.commerce.alaska.gov/ins/ or call 1-800-467-8725 or 1-800-INSURAK.

The Division of Insurance along with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, the Division of Banking and Securities, and the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are DCCED agencies tasked with protecting consumers in Alaska. For additional information about DCCED, please visit www.commerce.alaska.gov.

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