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Getting to know the law in my new country

Transcript



Car accident

Kusay is driving to work when she gets a text message. She looks down at her mobile phone.

She looks back at the road and the car in front has stopped. She doesn't have enough time to brake. She crashes into it.

The driver is very angry.

"You just hit my new car!"

Kusay feels upset and drives away.

The police came the next day to ask Kusay some questions.

"Why did you leave the accident? Why didn't you give your personal details to the other driver?"

"I was scared!"

A few weeks later, Kusay gets a letter from the other driver's insurance company. She has to pay \$10,000 to fix the other car.

She can't pay, because she doesn't have insurance. She ignores the letter.

She gets two more letters from a debt collector. She ignores them too.

A few months later the sheriff knocks at her door.

He gives her a court order. It says, "You must pay \$10,000."

Kusay is worried.

She should not pay anything. She should see a lawyer first. She can get free legal help from a community legal centre or legal aid office.

Stop if you have an accident.

Always exchange contact details - name, phone number, car registration and insurance details - with the other driver.

Always buy third party insurance. This is different from car registration. If you hit another car, this will pay for the damage to that car.