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**ARTICLE 331**  
**Accidents**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

- See sectional histories for similar State law
- Authority to require local accident report – see W. Va. Code 17C-4-15
- Impounding wrecked vehicles – see TRAF. 303.07
- Removal of glass, etc. from highway – see TRAF. 311.01

**331.06 IMMEDIATE REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS.**

The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to fixtures shall immediately by the quickest means of communication, whether oral or written, give notice of such accident to the Police Department.

(WVaC 17C-4-6)

**331.07 WHEN DRIVER UNABLE TO REPORT.**

(a) Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of making an immediate report of an accident as required in Section 331.06 and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of making a report, such occupant shall make or cause to be made such report not made by the driver.

(b) Whenever the driver is physically incapable of making a written report of an accident as required by law and such driver is not the owner of the vehicle then the owner of the vehicle involved in such accident shall within five days after learning of the accident make such report not made by the driver.

(WVaC 17C-4-8)

**331.08 GARAGE KEEPER TO REPORT DAMAGED VEHICLES.**

The person in charge of any garage or repair shop to which is brought any motor vehicle which shows evidence of having been involved in a serious accident or struck by any bullet shall report to the Police Department immediately after such motor vehicle is received, giving the engine number and the name and address of the owner or operator of such vehicle.

(WVaC 17C-4-12)

**331.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 303.99 for general Traffic Code penalty.)