



## ACCIDENT REVIEW

- the truth behind an accident -

### Objective

The Accident Review in terms of this description is not a legal procedure and will be conducted independently from any legal proceedings.

The Accident Review serves to investigate the background of a collision (accident) aiming at the improvement of the driving standard by establishing the real causes of a collision.

### Background

The driver will in the case of a road accident always seek the fault at the driver of the other vehicle or will blame odd circumstances for the collision. The driver, fearing prosecution, damages claimed against him or the loss of the working place, will in self-defence never admit that he is fully or partially responsible for the damage.

Even when the driver is fully cleared from all suspicion remains the open question if the accident could have been avoided or at least the damages minimised through appropriate action or early recognition of and respond to a hazardous situation.

Advanced Motorists are trained for an "honest self-assessment of their driving performance", something we cannot expect from the average driver. The Advanced Motorist will recap the course of events and try to find out if there would have been any possibility to avoid the accident. He or she will learn from the experience and try to avoid making the same mistake. Advanced Motorists are scrutinising their mistakes and learning from them.

### Procedure of the Accident Review

The Accident Review is conducted in several logical steps:

- Study of the accident reports which are available (statements of the involved persons and witnesses, police reports).
- Visiting the accident site if there are any obstructions for visibility, road surface abnormalities, construction or billboards which could divert the attention from the traffic or driveways.
- The condition of the vehicle: age, maintenance record, special installations and fittings (hands-free telephone kit, et cetera).
- Consideration of the time of the day and weather conditions as well as the angle and level of the sun.
- Discussion with the driver. The driver will be guided during the discussion to review the accident in a self-critical way. It might be necessary to visit the site of the accident with the driver to verify the statements of the driver.
- Report of the findings to the Management. The report will include graphs, statements and the conclusion about the possibility of actions of the driver. The report could also contain proposals and recommendations for improvements within the company or for the further development of the driver.



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