

Collision with an animal, what to do?

On our roads, domestic or wild animals can cross at any time. Dog, cat, squirrel, deer... In Quebec, if you hit an animal with your vehicle, what are your obligations?



Collision with a domestic animal

If you hit a domestic animal, the first thing to do is to stop at the scene of the accident.

People need assistance, for example the owner of the dog you have just bumped into.

Is there no one on the premises? The owner of the pet cannot be reached? The law requires you to report the accident to the nearest police station if the animal weighs more than 25 kilograms. If in doubt about the weight of the animal, it is better not to take any chances and make the declaration anyway. Fines can be up to \$300 and 9 demerit points could be added to your driving record.

Collision with wildlife

If you hit a wild animal, the 25-kilogram rule applies. So there's no need to call the police for a squirrel... but certainly for a moose!

Regardless of the weight of the animal, you must contact a wildlife protection officer if the animal is part of the "**list of animals to be reportable**". In addition to the deer and moose, this list includes coyote, opossum, wild turkey and all birds of prey.

Call your insurer

A collision with an animal can cause serious damage to your vehicle. Contact your insurer quickly to inform them of the loss. Damage may be covered, depending on [the insurance you have chosen](#).

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vigueur au Québec.

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juridique .

Pour connaître les règles particulières à
votre situation, consultez un [avocat ou un
notaire](#).