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We got in a car accident yesterday

When I was driving the triplets home from Amanda's Occupational Therapy appointment yesterday, someone hit us. I was on Euclid and Chapman in Fullerton and stopped at a red light. I always look in my rear view mirror when I stop to see if the person behind me is stopping. This is a reflex action after I got rear ended back in 1990 - what a bad accident that was!!

Anyway, as I was looking in the rear view mirror, this black Toyota car kept on driving and not stopping. I got nervous. I assessed my surroundings to see if I could get out of her way but there were cars all around me. So I prayed to God for protection, pressed my foot hard on the break, and I held on tight to the steering wheel with anticipation that we were being hit. I focused my vision on my triplets in the back seat praying... Wham!! We were hit pretty bad in the rear. She must have been going 30 mph. I jolted forward even in my seat belt, but I was ok. The girls jolted forward but were ok. Thank God. Savannah was in preschool safe and sound. Again, thank God.

Then she got out of her car to assess the damage to her car. She didn't ask if I was ok or say sorry. I told her I had triplet babies in car seats in my car. I was so mad that she didn't even ask if they were ok or check on any of us. This girls was 18-20 years old. I bet she was talking on the phone or text messaging.

I called Cliff to see if he was home. I told him to get here and bring a camera and told him we were ok and what happened. Then I called 911 to have the police come and the paramedics to check all of us out. They were there in a few minutes and checked us all out. My neck and lower back were sore. The triplets all check out fine. The paramedics told me a baby in a car seat is safer in a accident than an adult in a seat belt. Very interesting...

The police took a report. I didn't even want to talk to get the girl, she was acting like the victim. She stated she had a head concussion 2 days before the accident. She called someone on her phone, probably her boyfriend and I heard her say that she wasn't paying attention and hit us. I should have gotten her insurance and driver's license info but my girls needed me in the car. I figured all of this would be noted on the police report. it was a new car so I am sure she had insurance. If not, we have uninsured motorist coverage on my insurance policy to protect us.

Cliff arrived and immediately check on the triplets. He then took pictures of both of our cars, the street, etc. He assessed my car and said my tail pipe was destroyed but I could drive home slowly and carefully not going over 35-40mph. So the police officer stopped traffic so I could get out of there. I drove home carefully and I noticed when it was approaching 40mph the car would shimmy.

I called the insurance agent and then picked up a minivan car rental from Enterprise. Today I am taking our minivan into our mechanic who also a body shop as well.

Thank God we are all ok. I am sore but will be alright.

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