Your ERS Passenger Carrying Vehicle policy document

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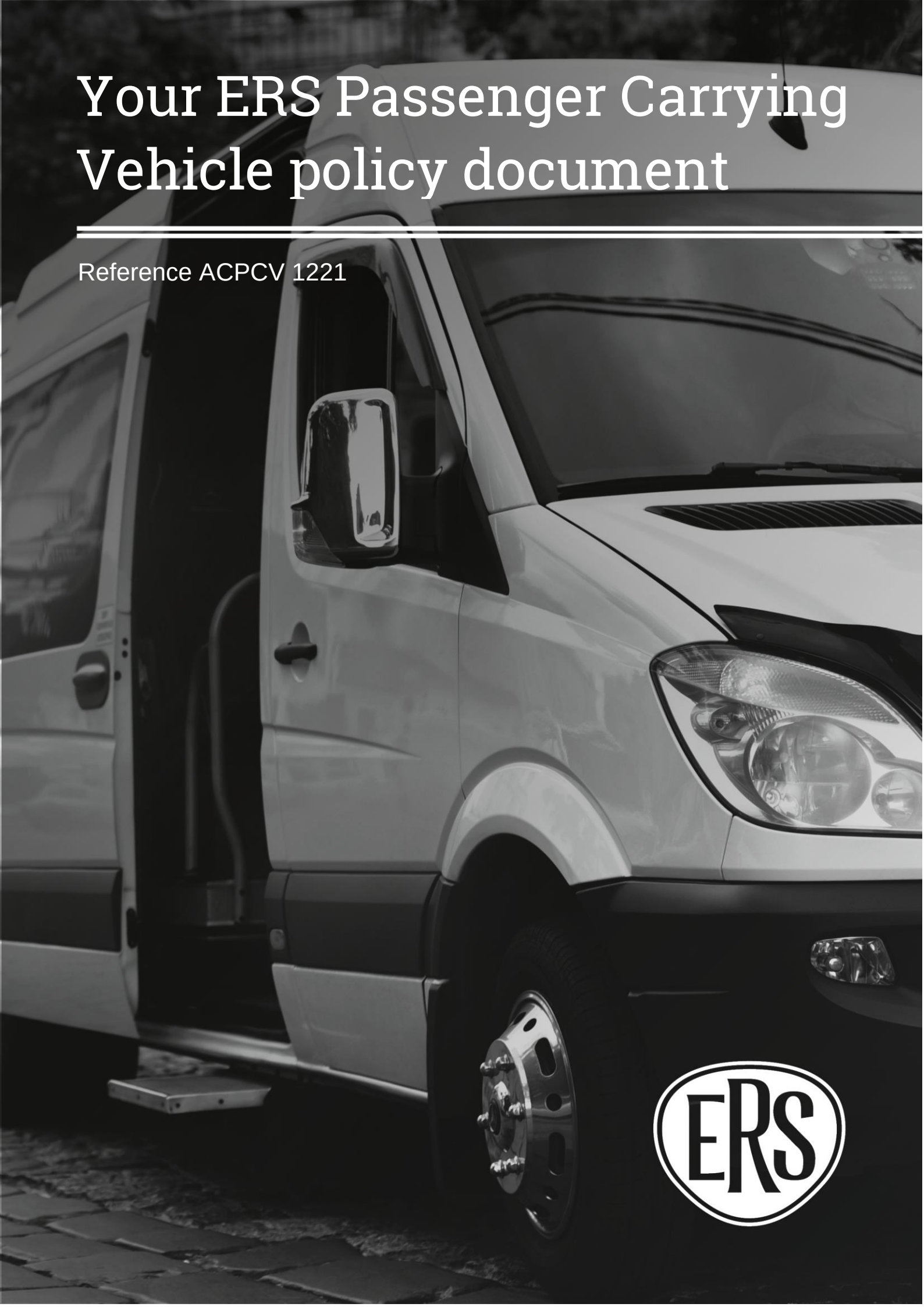

Your policy document

Welcome to your ERS policy document. To know exactly what your insurance covers with us, please make sure to read this document carefully. You should read it alongside any schedule, endorsement or certificate you've received from ERS.

If you have any questions about your cover, please contact your broker directly.

This insurance is written in English and any communications we send to you about it will be in English.

The law of England and Wales will apply to this contract unless:

- You and we agree otherwise or
- At the start date of the contract you are a resident of (or in the case of a business, the registered office or principal place of business is in) the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, in which case the law of that area of jurisdiction will apply

Our agreement – your insurance

The information you or your representative have supplied has been relied upon by us in offering the contract of insurance.

This policy document, certificate of motor insurance, schedule, any schedule of endorsements form the contract of insurance between you (the insured) and us (ERS).

You should read all parts of the contract as one document. Please remember to read the contract carefully, including all terms, conditions and exceptions to ensure it meets your needs.

The contract does not give, or intend to give, rights to anyone else. No-one else has the right to enforce any part of this contract. We may cancel or change any part of the contract without getting anyone else's permission.

Signed for and on the behalf of ERS.

Martin Hall
Active Underwriter

About ERS

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Definitions

The key words and terms that we use in this document

- **Accessories** - parts added to your vehicle that do not affect its performance

- **Agency driver** – A driver that has been temporarily supplied as an employee to a company

- **Approved repairer** - a motor vehicle repairer which is a member of our approved repairer network and is authorised by us to repair the insured vehicle after a valid claim under Section 2 of this insurance

- **Certificate of motor insurance** - a document which is legal evidence of your insurance and which forms part of this document, and which you must read with this document

- **Courtesy car** - a Group B (small standard private car) or PV1 (small car-derived van or similar) vehicle loaned to you by our approved repairer whilst the insured vehicle is being repaired after a valid claim under Section 2 of this insurance
  ***Note**: A courtesy car is intended to keep you mobile. It is not necessarily a like for like replacement of your vehicle. All courtesy cars are subject to the driver meeting the terms and conditions of hire from the approved repairer*

- **Endorsement** - a change in the terms of the insurance which replaces the standard insurance wording, and is printed on, or issued with, the current schedule and current schedule of endorsements

- **ERS** - is made up of the Lloyd's underwriters who have insured you under this contract. Each underwriter is only legally responsible for their own share of the risk and not for any other's share. You can ask us for the names of the underwriters and the share of the risk each has taken on

- **Excess** - a contribution by you towards a claim under this insurance

- **Market value** - the cost of replacing your vehicle with another one of the same make, model and specification and of similar age, mileage and condition at the time of an accident or loss

- **Period of insurance** - the period of time covered by this insurance (as shown on the schedule) and any further period for which we accept your premium

- **Private garage** – an enclosed permanent structure, comprised of brick, stone, concrete, timber or steel sides with an enclosed roof and with lockable secure entrance door(s), which is a non-communal, private building, designed and built specifically to house motor vehicles, which is solely for your personal use and within the boundaries of your permanent place of residence or address previously declared to and accepted by us

- **Road** - any place which is a road for the purpose of any compulsory motor insurance law that operates in the United Kingdom

- **Schedule /policy schedule** - the document showing the vehicle we are insuring and the cover which applies. To be read in conjunction with the Schedule of Endorsements

- **Trailer** - a trailer, semi-trailer or container used for carrying goods but which cannot be driven itself

- **United Kingdom** - England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands

- **We, us** - ERS

- **You** - the person named as 'the insured' on the schedule, or as 'the policyholder' on any certificate of motor insurance or renewal notice applying to this insurance

- **Your vehicle, the insured vehicle** - any vehicle shown on the schedule or described on the current certificate of motor insurance (and under section 1 only, an attached caravan or trailer)

What to do if you need to make a claim

Nobody likes having to make a claim. But by following these two simple steps you can make sure it goes smoothly:

- You must tell us about any potential claim at the earliest opportunity. If applicable, and it is safe to do so, please call us from the scene of the accident
- Take photographs of any damage to the vehicles involved

Claims helpline – 0330 123 5992

- Call this number if you need to report an accident, fire or, theft claim (if applicable).
- We're open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our expert staff will take down the details, and help you get back on the road as soon as possible
- If your claim is due to theft, attempted theft, malicious damage or vandalism, you should also notify the Police and obtain a crime reference number

You can count on us for all this:

- A market-leading customer experience
- A specialist team to handle your claim
- A network of approved suppliers to get you back on the road quickly
- Fraud prevention to keep your premiums low
- Positive handling of third-party claims to keep costs down
- Sophisticated tools to help claims go smoothly

Repairing your vehicle

If your insurance covers damage to your vehicle, we can talk you through the options for getting it repaired.

We'll take care of everything:
- If your vehicle can't be driven we will arrange for roadside recovery
- We'll collect the vehicle from you and deliver it back to you after the repairs
- Repairs will be carried out by a garage in our approved repairer network, provided that's the best option for you
- You will be provided with a guaranteed courtesy car to ensure you can keep mobile (Comprehensive cover only)
- An expert claim handler will manage your claim for you

We want to get you back on the road as soon as possible.

Keeping your vehicle safe

Please make sure your vehicle is locked and the keys are in a safe place.

Your insurance won't cover loss of your vehicle or its contents by theft or attempted theft, or if it's been taken by an unauthorised person if:
- It was left unlocked or
- It was left with the keys (or any form of keyless entry / ignition control device), in or on it or
- It was left with the windows, roof panel or the roof of a convertible vehicle open (if your vehicle has these) or
- Reasonable precautions were not taken to protect it

If someone makes a claim against you

There are a few simple steps you can take to try to reduce the amount of any claim against you, and to protect yourself against fraudulent claims.

Don't apologise or admit it was your fault

Make sure to take the other person's details, including:
- Their name, address and contact number
- The registration number and make and model of their vehicle
- Their insurer's name and policy number

Take photos of:
- Any damage to their vehicle
- Any damage to your own vehicle
- The scene of the accident, as long as it's safe to do so

Make a note of:
- Any injuries to anyone involved
- The number of passengers in the other vehicle
- The name, address and contact number of any witnesses
- The name and number of any police officer who attends the scene of the accident
- Any unusual behaviour from the other person and the direction they take when they leave the scene

Cover

The insurance cover you have

Your schedule shows you what cover you have. The different types of cover are listed below together with the sections of the policy that apply.

Section name	Comprehensive	Accidental Damage Fire & Theft	Accidental Damage & Third Party Only	Third Party Fire & Theft	Fire & Theft	Third Party Only
Section 1 - Liability to others	✓	×	✓	✓	×	✓
Section 2 - Loss of or damage to your vehicle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×
Accidental damage ----------	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Malicious damage ----------	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Fire ----------	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Flood ----------	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Theft ----------	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Vandalism ----------	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Section 3 - Foreign Use	✓	×	✓	✓	×	✓
Section 4 - Loss of keys and replacing locks	✓	×	×	×	×	×

The General Terms, Conditions and Exceptions apply to all sections of the policy.

IMPORTANT: You can only have Accidental Damage Fire & Theft cover and Fire & Theft cover if your vehicle is declared SORN (officially off the road) with the DVLA and is not being used.

Section 1 – Liability to others

Driving your vehicle

We will provide insurance for any accident you have while you are driving, using or in charge of your vehicle or while you are loading or unloading it.

We will insure you for all amounts you may legally have to pay for causing death or injury to other people.

The most we will pay for property damage is £5,000,000 for any claim or claims arising out of one incident.

We will pay up to £5,000,000 for any costs and expenses arising out of a claim or claims arising from one incident.

If there is a property damage claim made against more than one person covered by this insurance, we will first deal with any claim made against you.

Other people driving or using your vehicle

In the same way you are insured, we will also cover the following people:

- Any person you allow to drive or use your vehicle, as long as this is allowed by your current certificate of motor insurance and has not been excluded by an endorsement, exception or condition
- Any passenger who has an accident while travelling in or getting into or out of the insured vehicle, as long as you ask us to cover the passenger

Legal personal representatives

After the death of anyone who is covered by this insurance, we will deal with any claim made against that person's estate, as long as the claim is covered by this insurance.

Cover for principals

As far as is necessary to meet the requirements of any agreement or contract entered into by you for the performance of work, we will insure the principal at your request - provided the principal complies with the terms and conditions of this insurance in so far as they can apply.

Legal costs

In respect of any event which is covered under this Section, if we first agree in writing, we will arrange and pay:

- Up to £35,000 towards your legal fees and expenses for defending legal proceedings, including appeals and
- Up to £1,000,000 towards the cost of any prosecution awarded against you arising from any health-and-safety enquiry or criminal proceedings for breaking the:
    - Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
    - Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 or
    - Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007

We will not provide this cover:

- Unless the proceedings relate to an actual or alleged act, failure to act or accident that happens during the period of insurance within the United Kingdom and in connection with your business
- Unless the proceedings relate to an actual or alleged act, failure to act or accident arising from you, or a person on your behalf using, or you having or owning, a motor vehicle or trailer where compulsory insurance or security is required by the Road Traffic Act
- For any proceedings which result from your deliberate act or failure to act or
- Where cover is provided by any other policy

Emergency medical treatment

Where we must provide cover under the Road Traffic Act, we will pay for emergency medical treatment that is needed after an accident involving any vehicle which this insurance covers.

This cover only applies in the United Kingdom and where we must provide it under the Road Traffic Acts.

Towing

Under this section we will insure you while any vehicle covered by this insurance is towing a caravan, trailer or a broken-down vehicle (as allowed by law).

We will only provide this cover if:
- The caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle is properly secured to your vehicle by towing equipment made for the purpose and
- The method of towing the caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle stays within the manufacturer's recommended towing limits and any other relevant law

We will not pay any claim arising from:
- Loss of or damage to the towed caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle
- Loss of or damage to any property being carried in or on the towed caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle
- A caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle being towed for reward
- Towing more trailers than the number allowed by law or
- If more than one caravan or broken-down vehicle is being towed at any one time

Cyber Liability Cover

We will pay any amounts you may legally have to pay subject to the limits stated under Section 1 for causing death or bodily injury to other people, or property damage, due to:
1. The use of, or failure of, any application, software or programme in connection with your vehicle (including any driver assistance, safety or security systems);
2. Any computer virus, ransomware, code or software affecting any electronic systems fitted to your vehicle by the original vehicle manufacturer;
3. Any threat, deception or hoax relating to 1 and/or 2 above;

subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of this policy.

Exceptions to Section 1

This section of your insurance does not cover the following:
1. Anyone who can claim for the same loss from any other insurance
2. Loss of or damage to property belonging to (or in the care of) anyone we insure and who is making a claim under this part of the insurance
3. Death of or bodily injury to any person arising out of and in the course of their employment by the policyholder or by any other person claiming under this insurance. This does not apply if we need to provide cover due to the requirements of relevant laws
4. Any legal responsibility, unless we need to provide the minimum insurance required by the Road Traffic Act, for claims for death, injury, illness, loss or damage to property arising directly or indirectly from pollution or contamination unless caused by a sudden identifiable unintended and unexpected event

This exception:
- Relates to contamination or pollution caused directly or indirectly by any substance, liquid, vapour or gas leaking or being released and
- Includes contamination or pollution of any building or other structure, water, land or the air

We will not pay for claims arising directly or indirectly from contamination or pollution if it is caused by any substance, liquid, vapour or gas being deliberately released or leaks caused by the failure to maintain or repair your vehicle, or any part of it.

5. Death, bodily injury or damage arising as a result of loading or unloading your vehicle somewhere other than on the road by anyone apart from the driver or attendant

Section 2 – Loss of or damage to your vehicle

This cover only applies to your vehicle

We will insure your vehicle against loss or damage (less any excess that applies) caused by:
- Accidental or malicious damage, flood damage or vandalism
- Fire, lightning, self-ignition and explosion or
- Theft or attempted theft, or taking your vehicle away without your permission

For a claim under this section we will, at our absolute discretion, either:

- Pay for the damage to be repaired
- Pay an amount of cash to replace the lost or damaged item or
- Replace the lost or damaged item

The most we will pay will be either:

- The UK mainland market value of your vehicle as determined by us, immediately before the loss; up to the value shown on your schedule or
- The amount it would cost us to repair your vehicle at an ERS approved repairer or as otherwise agreed by our appointed engineer

whichever is less.

We will not pay the cost of any repair or replacement which improves your vehicle or accessories to a better condition than they were in before the loss or damage. If this happens, you must make a contribution towards the cost of repair or replacement.

We will not pay the VAT element of any claim if you are registered for VAT.

Excesses

If an excess is shown on your schedule, you have agreed to pay that amount for each incident of loss or damage.

If more than one vehicle is insured on your policy and they are involved in the same incident, the excess shown on your schedule will apply to each vehicle separately.

Extra excesses for young or inexperienced drivers

If your vehicle is damaged while a young or inexperienced driver (including yourself) is driving, you will have to pay the first amount of any claim as shown below. This is on top of any other excess that you may have to pay.

Drivers	Amount
Under 21 years of age	£300
Aged 21 to 24 years	£200
Aged 25 years or over who has a provisional driving license or has not held, for 12 months or more, a full driving license issued by the UK or any country which is a member of the European Union.	£200

These amounts do not apply if the loss or damage is caused by fire or theft.

Recovery and redelivery

After any claim under this section we will pay the cost of moving your vehicle from the place where the damage happened to the premises of the nearest competent repairer. We will also pay the cost of delivering your vehicle back to you in the United Kingdom after repair.

Do not try to move your vehicle yourself if this could increase the damage. If unnecessary damage is caused as a result of your attempts to move your vehicle, we will not pay any extra cost arising from that damage.

All arrangements for storage of a damaged vehicle must be agreed by us. If you arrange storage without our prior knowledge and consent we will not pay any extra cost arising from that arrangement where this is greater than the cost we negotiate with our approved supplier.

Repairs

If your vehicle is damaged in any way which is covered by this insurance, you should contact us immediately. We can, if you wish, organise for our approved repairers to repair your vehicle.

Where using our approved repairer for the repair of your vehicle, and your vehicle does not exceed 3.5 tonne gross vehicle weight our approved repairer will:

- Guarantee the repairs for 5 years
- Endeavour to use original equipment manufacturer parts/equipment where feasible
- Supply you with a courtesy car for the duration of the vehicle repair or until your policy expires, whichever is the sooner (where the vehicle involved is covered comprehensively)

If your vehicle cannot be driven safely, you should allow us the opportunity of moving it to the premises of an approved repairer or repairer of your choice if previously agreed by us.

If repairs are completed without our prior knowledge and consent this may affect the amount we pay in final settlement of your claim. In all circumstances, anyone conducting repairs to an insured vehicle should retain the following for our inspection:

- A fully costed estimate
- All damaged parts and
- Images of the damaged areas of the insured vehicle

If you fail to provide all requested information, documentation and evidence of claim damage, we reserve the right not to pay for damages under this Section.

If you choose to not use our approved repairer, we will not:

- Be responsible for any delays incurred by the repairer
- Guarantee the provision of a courtesy car
- Guarantee the repairs
- Guarantee the use of original equipment manufacturer paint/parts

We may arrange for your vehicle to go to a repairer of our choice if we cannot reach an agreement with your chosen repairer over costs.

It is not our policy to use recycled or non-original parts and equipment when repairing your vehicle, although on occasion it may be necessary.

Guaranteed courtesy car (Comprehensive cover only)

If you make a claim under this section and you choose to use our approved repairers, you will be provided with a guaranteed courtesy car for the duration of the repairs or until your policy expires, whichever is sooner.

If your vehicle is classed as immobile (unable to be moved), we aim to provide you with a courtesy car within 24 hours of the claim being reported.

The vehicle provided is intended to keep you mobile and will not necessarily be a like-for-like replacement of your vehicle.
You will be provided with either a small, standard private car or small car-derived van.

All courtesy cars are subject to the driver meeting the terms and conditions of hire from the approved repairer.

If your vehicle is a total loss you will not be offered a courtesy car.

Total loss

When deciding whether your vehicle is a total loss, we use the Association of British Insurers (ABI) Code of Practice for the Disposal of Motor Vehicle Salvage.

We alone will determine:
- When an insured vehicle is deemed a total loss
- The market value of the insured vehicle; and where applicable
- Any salvage value of that insured vehicle

In the event that we deem your vehicle a total loss, due to it being uneconomical to repair or subject to an unrecovered theft, we will, unless you qualify for a new van replacement benefit, offer an amount in settlement of the claim.

The insurance cover for that insured vehicle will end when you accept that offer.

You will not receive a refund of premium if your insurance ends due to the total loss of your vehicle.

If your insurance covers more than one vehicle, cover will remain in force for any vehicles that have not been declared a total loss.

If the insured vehicle is owned by someone else, we will discuss the valuation and payments directly with the vehicle owner rather than with you.

When we determine the value of the insured vehicle, we will take into account any discount on the manufacturer's recommended retail price received at the point of purchase.

Our offer will not exceed the amount shown on schedule.

Once we have made a payment, the insured vehicle becomes our property unless we agree otherwise.

Vehicles subject to a finance agreement
If the market value we place upon the insured vehicle is equal to or greater than the amount owed to the finance company:
We will pay the finance company first and then settle the balance with the legal owner of the insured vehicle.

If the market value placed upon the insured vehicle is less than the amount owed to the finance company:

We will pay the finance company the market value of the insured vehicle. You may be required by the finance company to pay them the balance, subject to the terms of your agreement with them.

Vehicles subject to a lease / hire agreement – No legal right to title
If the market value we place upon the insured vehicle is greater than the amount owed to the lease / hire company, we will pay them only the amount of the outstanding finance, which will settle the claim in full.

If the market value we place upon the insured vehicle is less than the amount owed, the amount we pay to the lease / hire company will settle the claim, and you may be required by the lease / hire company to pay them the balance, subject to the terms of your agreement with them.

Vehicles subject to a lease / hire agreement – Legal right to title or proceeds of sale
We will pay the lease / hire company the market value of the vehicle, which will settle the claim in full. Any transfer of legal title or distribution of the proceeds of the vehicle should be taken up directly with the lease / hire company in line with the specific terms of your agreement.

Salvage

Where applicable, your vehicle will have a salvage category placed upon it, in line with the ABI Code of Practice.

Only vehicles deemed eligible to go back on the road can be considered for retention. If retention is granted, the value of the salvage, as determined by us, will be deducted from the settlement.

At the point of payment the vehicle will become our property unless we agree otherwise.

If your vehicle has been subject to an insurance write off (total loss), you must be able to evidence the vehicle has been restored to a roadworthy condition.

In the event of the insured vehicle being subject to another claim, we will require documentary evidence of repairs and other documentation as we may require, to evidence, and to satisfy us, that the insured vehicle has been maintained in a roadworthy condition, otherwise the valuation will be affected.

If we ask, you must send us your vehicle registration document (V5c), MOT certificate (if applicable), the purchase receipt for the vehicle, all keys and any other relevant documentation before we agree to settle the claim.

Audio, visual, communication, guidance or tracking equipment

The cover provided by this policy includes loss of, or damage to, permanently fitted audio, visual, communication, guidance or tracking equipment that formed part of your vehicle when it was originally made.

We will pay up to £1,000 for any permanently fitted equipment that was not part of your vehicle when it was originally made.

When your vehicle is being serviced

The cover provided under this section will still apply when your vehicle is being serviced or repaired. While your vehicle is in the hands of the motor trade for a service or repair, we ignore any restrictions on driving or use (as shown on your certificate of motor insurance).

Trailer cover

We will pay up to the amount shown in your schedule for any trailer that is lost or damaged while it is attached or detached from your vehicle during the course of a journey.

Exceptions to Section 2

This section of your insurance does not cover the following:

1. The amount of any excess shown on your schedule
2. Any amount as compensation for you not being able to use your vehicle (including the cost of hiring another vehicle)
3. Wear and tear
4. Failures, breakdowns or breakages of mechanical, electrical, electronic or computer equipment
5. Your vehicle's value reducing, including loss of value as a result of damage, whether the damage is repaired or not
6. Repairs or replacements which improve the condition of your vehicle
7. Damage to tyres, unless caused by an accident to your vehicle
8. Damage due to liquid freezing in the cooling system, unless you have taken reasonable precautions as laid down by the vehicle manufacturer's instructions
9. Loss of or damage to accessories unless they are permanently attached to your vehicle
10. Any amount over the last-known list price of any part or accessory or the cost of fitting any part or accessory if the vehicle manufacturer or its agent cannot supply it from stock held in the United Kingdom. (This exception does not apply where any applicable part or accessory is no longer commercially available from the vehicle manufacturer or their agents in the United Kingdom)
11. Loss of or damage to your vehicle as a result of deception
12. Loss resulting from repossessing your vehicle and returning it to its rightful owner
13. Loss of or damage to your vehicle or its contents by theft or attempted theft or an unauthorised person taking and driving it if:
    - It has been left unlocked
    - It has been left with the keys (or any form of keyless entry / ignition control device), in it or on it
    - It has been left with the windows, roof panel or the roof of a convertible vehicle open or
    - You have not taken reasonable precautions to protect it
14. Loss of or damage to your vehicle resulting from a member of your immediate family, or a person living in your home, taking your vehicle without your permission, unless that person is convicted of theft
15. Loss of or damage to your vehicle (Inc. paintwork) caused by incorrect fuelling or adding of fuel or exhaust additives/lubricants. This could be caused by adding diesel instead of petrol and vice versa and/or an additive/lubricant (for example Redex or AdBlue). This list is not exhaustive
16. Loss of fuel
17. Loss or damage due to confiscation, requisition or destruction by or under the order of any government, public or local authority.
18. Loss, theft, damage, impairment, disablement or loss of use of your vehicle caused by:
    a) the use of, or failure of, any application, software, or programme in connection with your vehicle, including driver assistance, safety, security, infotainment or software updates whether authorised or unauthorised;
    b) the use of, or failure of, any electronic device connected to your vehicle (for example smartphones, tablets or smartwatches used for navigation, infotainment or any other purpose);
    c) any computer virus, ransomware, code or software;
    d) theft of, loss of access to, or damage to, any telematic device or any electronic data (for example files, music or images) wherever it is stored;
    e) any threat, deception or hoax relating to a), b), c), and/or d) above.

Section 3 – Foreign use

We will provide the minimum insurance needed by the relevant law to allow you to use your vehicle:

- In any country which is a member of the European Union and
- In any other countries which have made arrangements to meet the insurance conditions of, and are approved by, the Commission of the European Union
- While your vehicle is being transported (including loading and unloading), between ports in countries where you have cover, as long as your vehicle is being transported by rail or by a recognised sea route of not more than 65 hours.

This cover only applies if your visit to these countries is temporary and your permanent home is in the United Kingdom

Extra cover

If you want to travel to any other country, or want full policy cover when you travel abroad you must contact your broker. If we agree to extend your cover, and you pay any extra premium that we ask for; we will extend your insurance to apply in any country for which we have agreed to provide cover.

Customs duty and other charges

If your vehicle suffers any loss or damage covered by this insurance, and your vehicle is in any country for which we have agreed to provide cover for, we will:

- Refund any customs duty you have to pay after temporarily importing your vehicle into any of the countries where you have cover
- Refund any general average contributions and salvage charges you may have to pay while your vehicle is being transported by a recognised sea route and
- Pay the cost of delivering your vehicle to you at your address in the United Kingdom after the repairs have been made if your vehicle cannot be driven because of any loss or damage

Section 4 – Loss of keys and lock replacement

We will pay up to £500 if the keys for your vehicle are lost or stolen and have not been recovered. We will pay the cost of replacing the entry key and transponders, ignition and steering locks that can be opened or operated with the lost items. This applies as long as:

- You let the police know about the loss as soon as it is discovered and
- We deem it necessary to replace the above stated items due to the loss/theft of the keys causing a risk to the vehicle being stolen

You will not have to pay an excess for any claim under this section and it will not affect your no claim bonus.

General

Extra matters to bear in mind

No claim bonus

For each claim during a single period of insurance, the No Claims Bonus available at renewal will be reduced in accordance with our current step-back procedure scale.

If more than one vehicle is covered by this insurance, we will assess the no claim bonus as if each vehicle was insured separately.

Providing there have been no prejudicial claim(s) in the current period of insurance; we will give you a further years no claim bonus discount, as long as the insurance has been in force for 12 consecutive months.

The price of your insurance policy may increase following an accident even if you were not at fault.

You cannot transfer your no claim bonus to another person.

If your policy includes Protected No Claims Bonus, this will be shown on your schedule.

Note: *The No Claims Bonus scale, 'step-back' rules and any Protected No Claims Bonus requirements are contained in the documentation you received when purchasing this insurance.*

Changing or adding a vehicle to this insurance

If you change the vehicle covered by this insurance or need cover for an extra vehicle (including a temporary vehicle), please contact your broker to discuss your requirements. If cover is agreed, your broker will let you know about any change in premium and arrange for a new set of policy documents to be issued.

Emergency medical treatment

Any payments we make for emergency medical treatment will not affect your no claim bonus.

General exceptions

These general exceptions apply to the whole insurance

Your insurance does not cover you for:

Drivers and use

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) arising while any vehicle covered by this insurance is being:

- Used for a purpose for which your vehicle is not insured
- Driven by or is in the charge of anyone (including you) who is not mentioned on the certificate of motor insurance as a person entitled to drive or who is excluded by an endorsement
- Driven by or is in the charge of anyone (including you) who is disqualified from driving, does not hold a valid driving licence in line with current law or has never held a licence to drive your vehicle, does not keep to the conditions of their driving licence or is prevented by law from having a licence (unless they do not need a licence by law)
- Driven by an Agency driver
- Used on any race track, race circuit or toll road without a speed limit (such as the Nurburgring)
- Used for racing or pace-making, used in any contest (apart from treasure hunts, road safety and non-competitive rallies) or speed trial or is involved in any rigorous reliability testing

Drugs and alcohol

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) arising while any vehicle covered by this insurance is being driven by or is in the charge of anyone (including you) and is convicted of:

- Driving over the legal limit for alcohol or
- Driving under the influence of drugs, prescribed or otherwise

If convicted (which includes a conviction for failure to provide a breath, blood or urine sample) this shall be deemed to be conclusive evidence that the driver at the time of the loss or damage was under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

We will provide the minimum insurance required by the Road Traffic Act but we reserve the right to seek recovery of any such amounts from you or the driver of your vehicle.

Construction and use

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) arising while any vehicle covered by this insurance is being used to carry:

- More passengers than the maximum seating capacity for the insured vehicle as set by the vehicle manufacturer or
- Passengers in a manner likely to affect the safe driving and control of your vehicle or
- Any load which is greater than the maximum carrying capacity as set by the vehicle manufacturer or if applicable; any plated weight limit of the insured vehicle

Airfields

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) arising while any vehicle covered by this insurance is being used in or on a restricted area (areas to which the public do not have free vehicular access) of an airport, airfield or aerodrome. We will not pay for any claim concerning an aircraft within the boundary of the airport, airfield or aerodrome except where we need to provide the minimum insurance required by the Road Traffic Act.

Hazardous goods

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) caused by, contributed to or arising from carrying any dangerous substances or goods for which you need a licence from the relevant authority (unless we need to provide cover to meet the minimum insurance needed by law).

Criminal acts

Any legal responsibility for loss or damage (direct or indirect) caused whilst your vehicle is used by anyone insured under this insurance:

- In the course or furtherance of a crime or
- As a means of escape from, or avoidance of lawful apprehension

Deliberate acts

Any legal responsibility for the death of or injury to any person or loss or damage (direct or indirect) caused by a deliberate act or omission to act by anyone insured under this insurance.

Excess

The amount of any excess shown within this policy document and / or on your schedule.

Other contracts

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) that:

- Is also covered by any other insurance or
- You have accepted under an agreement or contract unless you would have had that responsibility anyway
- Happens outside the United Kingdom, other than where we have agreed to provide cover. (Please refer to the Foreign use section of this policy document)

Jurisdiction

Any proceedings brought against you, or judgment passed in any court outside the United Kingdom, unless the proceedings or judgment arises out of your vehicle being used in a foreign country which we have agreed to extend this insurance to cover.

Earthquake, riot, war and terrorism

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) caused by, contributed to or arising from:

- An earthquake
- The result of war, riot, civil commotion, revolution or any similar event elsewhere than in Great Britain, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man (unless we need to provide cover to meet the minimum insurance needed by law)
- Acts of terrorism, as defined in the UK Terrorism Act 2000, unless we need to provide the minimum insurance required by the Road Traffic Act

Nuclear/radioactive contamination

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) caused by, contributed to or arising from:

- Ionising radiation or contamination from any radioactive nuclear fuel, or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel
- The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous property of any explosive nuclear equipment or nuclear part of that equipment

Sonic bangs

Any legal responsibility, loss or damage (direct or indirect) caused by, contributed to or arising from pressure waves caused by aircraft or other flying objects.

General conditions

What we expect for your cover to be valid

Your responsibilities

Your premium is based on the information you gave at the start of the insurance and when it is renewed.

You are responsible for the information you or your appointed representative has provided to us. You should ensure that the information provided is, as far as you know, correct and complete.

If you have failed to give us complete and accurate information, this could lead to us changing the terms of your policy, refusing your claim or the insurance not being valid.

You must, if requested, provide us with all relevant information and documentation in relation to this insurance.

The vehicle must have an MOT (unless exempt), be taxed (unless exempt), insured and registered in the UK and you must:

- Take all reasonable steps to protect your vehicle from loss or damage
- Maintain your vehicle in a roadworthy condition and
- Let us examine your vehicle at any reasonable time

If the above requirements are not met, we may reject or reduce your claim, and/or cancel your policy or declare your policy null and void.

Changes to your details

You must tell us immediately about any changes to the information you have already provided. Please contact your broker if you are not sure if information is relevant. If you don't tell us about relevant changes, your insurance may not cover you fully, or at all.

Here are some examples of the changes you should tell us about:

- A change of vehicle (including extra vehicles and any temporary vehicles)
- All changes you or anyone else make to your vehicle if these make your vehicle different from the manufacturer's standard specification (whether the changes are mechanical or cosmetic)
- A change of address
- A change of job, including any part-time work by you or other drivers, a change in the type of business or having no work
- A change in the purpose for which you use your vehicle
- A new main user of your vehicle
- Details of any driver you have not told us about before, or who is not specifically entitled to drive by the certificate of motor insurance or is excluded by an endorsement, but who you now want to drive
- Details of any motoring conviction(s), disqualification(s) or fixed-penalty motoring offence(s) of any person allowed to drive or of any prosecution(s) pending (where a case is being investigated but there is no conviction yet) for any motor offence
- Details of any non-motor conviction or prosecution pending (where a case is being investigated but there is no conviction yet) for any person allowed to drive
- Details of any accident or loss (whether or not you make a claim) involving your vehicle or that happens while you (or anyone who is entitled to drive under this insurance) were driving any other motor vehicle (whether you own the vehicle or not)
- If any driver suffers from a disability or medical condition that must be revealed to the DVLA, whether or not the driving licence has been restricted

Claim notification

After any loss, damage or accident you must give us full details of the incident as soon as possible.

You must send every communication about a claim (including any writ or summons) to us without delay and unanswered. You must also tell us if you know about any future prosecution, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry involving anyone covered by this insurance.

You must give us any information, documentation and help we need to help us deal with your claim. We will only ask for this if it is relevant to your claim.

You are required to notify us of a claim within 72 hours of its occurrence. If you fail to do this, or otherwise prejudice our position, we reserve the right to seek recovery of any additional costs incurred due to your action or failure to act.

Claim requirements – rights and obligations

If a claim is made which you or anyone acting on your behalf knows is false, fraudulent, exaggerated, or provides false or stolen documents to support a claim we will not pay the claim and cover under this insurance will end.

If there are a number of claims for property damage arising out of any one cause, we may pay you up to the maximum amount due under Section 1 (We will take from this amount any amounts we have already paid as compensation.). When we pay this amount, we will withdraw from any further action connected with settling these claims. We will cover any legal costs and expenses paid with our permission, up to the time we withdraw from dealing with the claims.

You must not admit to, negotiate on or refuse any claim unless you have our permission.

We can:
- Take-over, carry out, defend or settle any claim and
- Take proceedings (which we will pay for, and for our own benefit) to recover any payment we have made under this insurance

We will take this action in your name or in the name of anyone else covered by this insurance.

You, or the person whose name we use, must co-operate with us on any matter which affects this insurance.

If we refuse to provide cover because you have failed to provide information or provided incorrect information, but we have a legal responsibility to pay a claim under the Road Traffic Acts, we can settle the claim or judgment without affecting our position under this policy. We can recover any payments that we make from you.

If you fail to provide all requested information, documentation and evidence of claim damage, we reserve the right not to pay for damages under Section 2 of this policy document.

Compulsory Insurance laws

If we are required to settle a claim in order to comply with the law applying to any country in which this policy operates, and which we would not otherwise be required to pay because of a breach of policy conditions, we shall be entitled to recover the amount paid and any associated costs, from either yourself or the person who incurred the liability.

Arbitration

If we accept your claim, but disagree with the claim amount, the matter will be passed to an independent arbitrator (to whom we must both agree). When this happens, the arbitrator must make a decision before you can start proceedings against us.

Cancellation

"14 days cooling off period"
If this insurance does not meet your needs, you may cancel it, without giving reason, by contacting your broker within 14 days of the policy start date and declare your requirement to cancel.

We will make a charge equal to the period of cover you have had but this will be subject to a minimum amount of £25 (plus insurance premium tax (IPT) where applicable), except where a claim has been made during the current period of insurance, in which case the full annual premium will be payable to us.

The 14-day period applies to new policies and the renewal of existing policies.

Outside "14 days cooling off period"
If no claims have been made during the current period of insurance, we will refund the proportional (pro-rata) amount of the premium which applies to the remaining period of insurance, less a premium charge of £25 (subject to insurance premium tax (IPT) where applicable).

Refunds will be passed to your broker.

If any claim has been made in the current period of insurance, you must pay the full annual premium and you will not be entitled to any refund.

You may cancel this insurance by declaring to your broker, your requirement to cancel.

Where we may cancel your policy

We or your broker may cancel this insurance by sending seven days' notice, in writing, to your last known address.

Your insurance may be cancelled because:
- You have not paid when due, a premium on an instalment plan
- You or anyone else covered by this insurance has not met the terms and conditions of the insurance
- You have not provided documentation requested by us or your broker (such as a copy of your driving licence or evidence of no claim bonus)
- A change in your circumstances means we can no longer provide cover
- You misrepresent or fail to disclose information that is relevant to your insurance
- We identify fraud on another associated policy with ERS or
- You harass any member of our staff or show abusive or threatening behaviour towards them

This is not an exhaustive list.

Misrepresentation

Where we identify: misrepresentation, non-disclosure, fraud, or any attempt to gain an advantage under this insurance to which you are not entitled, we will apply, at our absolute discretion, one or more of the remedies listed below:
- Agree with you to: amend your policy to record the correct information, apply any required change in; premium, policy terms and conditions
- Apply any administration costs
- Reject or pay only a proportion of your claim
- Not return to you any premium paid
- Cancel the policy
- Void the policy (which means to treat the policy as though it never existed)

Complaints

How to make a complaint if things go wrong

Our promise to you

We aim to provide a first class service. If you have any reason to complain about your insurance policy, or us, the complaints procedure is as follows.

The first step is to contact our dedicated complaint handling department who will review your case on behalf of our Chief Executive.

Address: ERS Customer Relations, PO Box 3937, Swindon, SN4 4GW
Tel: 0345 268 0279
Email: complaints@ers.com

If you are not satisfied with our response you may ask the Complaints department at Lloyd's to review your case.
Address: Complaints Department, Lloyd's, One Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA
Tel: 020 7327 5693.
Email: complaints@lloyds.com
Website: lloyds.com/complaints

If you are still not satisfied after contacting Lloyd's, you can refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS.)
Address: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR
Tel: 0800 023 4567
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Website: financial-ombudsman.org.uk

This does not affect your right to take legal action.

If you ask someone else to act on your behalf we will require written authority to allow us to deal with them.

If you have any questions, about complaints please contact the Company Secretary at:
ERS Insurance Group Limited, 21 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AH

Important notices and information

Data Protection Notice

This section contains important information about your personal details. Please make sure to show it to anyone covered by the policy and ensure they are aware that their personal details may be provided to us.

IQUW Syndicate Management Limited is the data controller in respect of your personal information. We will process the details you have given us in line with the UK's Data Protection laws and any other laws that apply. We may work with partner organisations and service providers who are located in other countries, and as a result your information may be processed outside the European Economic Area. In all cases we will make sure that your information is adequately protected. Any transfers of personal information outside Europe will be subject to the provisions of the US Privacy Shield, standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission or other contracts which provide equivalent protection.

You can find more information about how we use your personal information on our website: www.ers.com/policy-pages/privacy-policy

Where we collect your personal information

We might collect personal information about you from:

- You
- Your family members
- Your employer or their representative
- Other companies in the insurance market
- Anti-fraud databases, sanction lists, court judgement and similar databases
- Government agencies such as the DVLA and HMRC
- The publicly available electoral register
- In the event of a claim, third parties including the other party to the claim, witnesses, experts, loss adjusters, legal advisers and claims handlers

How we use and disclose your personal information

To assess the terms of your insurance contract, or to deal with any claims, we may need to share information like your name, address, date of birth and details such as medical conditions or criminal convictions. The recipients of this information could include (but are not limited to) credit reference agencies, anti-fraud databases, brokers / reinsurance brokers, other insurers / reinsurers, underwriters and other group companies who provide administration or support services. For claims handling, the recipients could include (but are not limited to) external claims handlers, loss adjusters, legal and other expert advisers, and third parties who are involved in the claim. More information about these disclosures is set out below.

ERS purchases reinsurance to protect against the most significant claims made against motor insurance policies issued. Should such a claim arise under this contract of insurance, ERS reserves the right to disclose to its reinsurance broker and reinsurers, the details of the claim, including all personal and special category data related to the claim. That disclosure is necessary for the management of any reinsurance claim made by ERS and this practice of spreading risk is standard practice in the insurance market.

The Data Protection laws classify information about your medical conditions, disabilities and criminal convictions as 'special category' personal data which warrants extra protection. We will only share this kind of personal data where it is essential to administer your insurance contract or deal with any claims, or for anti-fraud purposes and will only be used in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations.

Most of the personal information you provide to us is needed for us to assess your request for insurance, to enter into the insurance contract with you and then to administer that contract. Some of the information is collected for fraud prevention purposes, as described below. If we need your consent to use any specific information, we will make that clear at the time we collect the information from you. You are free to withhold your consent or withdraw it at any time, but if you do so it may impact upon our ability to provide insurance or pay claims. Further details about the legal basis for our processing of personal information, and the disclosure we may make, can be found on our website: www.ers.com/policy-pages/privacy-policy

Types of personal data	Details
Individual details	Name, address (including proof of address), other contact details such as email and phone numbers, gender, marital status, date and place of birth, nationality, employment status, job title, details of family members including their relationship to you
Identification detail	National insurance number, passport number, driving licence number, other relevant licences
Financial information	Bank account and/or payment details, income and other financial information
Policy information	Information about the quotes you receive and policies you take out
Telematics (where you use this technology)	Details of journeys made, locations, times and dates, driving behaviours and driving patterns
Credit and anti-fraud information	Credit history, credit score, sanctions and criminal offences, including information received from external databases about you
Previous and current claims	Information about previous and current claims (including under other insurance policies) which may include data relating to your health, disabilities, criminal convictions (including motoring offences) and in some cases surveillance reports; also dashcam recordings where this technology is used
Special categories of personal data	Health, disability, criminal convictions (including motoring offences)

Accepting and administering your policy

If you pay your premiums via a credit facility, we may share your information with credit reference agencies and other companies for use in credit decisions, to prevent fraud and to find people who owe money. We share information with other insurers, certain government organisations and other authorised organisations.

Insurance underwriting

We look at the possible risk in relation to your prospective policy (or anyone else involved in the policy) so that we can:

- Consider whether to accept a risk
- Make decisions about providing and dealing with insurance and other related services for you and members of your household
- Set price levels for your policy
- Confirm your identity to prevent money laundering
- Check the claims history for you or any person or property likely to be involved in the policy or a claim at any time. We may do this:
    - When you apply for insurance
    - If there is an accident or a claim or
    - At the time you renew your policy

Profiling

When calculating insurance premiums, we may compare your personal details against industry averages. Your personal information may also be used to create the industry averages going forwards. This is known as profiling and is used to ensure premiums reflect risk. Profiling may also be used to assess the information you provide so we can understand risk patterns.

Special categories of personal data may be used for profiling where this is relevant, such as medical history or past motoring convictions (including motoring offences).

We may also make some decisions (for example about whether to offer cover or what the premiums will be) without any intervention by our staff. These are known as automated decisions. You can find out more about how we make these decisions on our website: www.ers.com/policy-pages/privacy-policy. See also “Your Rights” below.

Motor Insurance Database (MID)

Information about your insurance policy will be added to the Motor Insurance Database (MID) which is managed by the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB). Certain government or authorised organisations including the Police, DVLA, DVLNI, Insurance Fraud Bureau and other organisations allowed by law may use the MID and the information stored on it for purposes including:

- Continuous Insurance Enforcement (you can get information about this from the Department of Transport)
- Electronic vehicle licensing
- Law enforcement for the purposes of preventing, detecting, catching or prosecuting offenders and
- Providing government services or other services aimed at reducing the level of uninsured driving

If you are involved in a road-traffic accident (either in the UK, the EEA or certain other territories), insurers or the MIB (or both) may search the MID to gather relevant information. Anyone making a claim for a road-traffic accident (including their appointed representatives and citizens of other countries) may also gather relevant information which is held on the MID.

It is vital that the MID holds your correct registration number. If it is not shown correctly on the MID, you are at risk of having your vehicle seized by the police. You can check that your correct registration number details are shown on the MID at askmid.com.

Managing claims

If you make a claim, we may need to release information to another person or organisation involved in that claim. This includes, but is not restricted to, others involved in the incident, their insurer, their solicitor or representative and medical teams, authorised repairers, the police or other investigators. We also may have to investigate your claim and conviction history. This may involve external claims handlers, loss adjusters, legal and other expert advisers.

Under the conditions of your policy, you must tell us about any incident (such as an accident or theft) which may or may not result in a claim. When you tell us about an incident, we will pass information relating to it to Insurance Database Services Limited (IDSL).

Call recording

You should note that some telephone calls may be recorded or monitored, for example calls to or from our claims department, customer services team or underwriting department. Call recording and monitoring may be carried out for the following purposes:

- Training and quality control
- As evidence of conversations
- For the prevention or detection of crime (e.g. fraudulent claims)

Preventing or detecting fraud

We will check your information against a range of registers and databases for completeness and accuracy. We may also share your information with law enforcement agencies, other organisations and public bodies.

If we find that false or inaccurate information has been given to us, or we suspect fraud, we will take appropriate action. If fraud is identified, details will be passed to fraud prevention agencies including the Claims Underwriting Exchange Register and the Motor Insurance Anti-Fraud and Theft Register run by Insurance Database Services Limited (IDSL). Law enforcement agencies may access and use this information.

We and other organisations, including those from other countries, may also access and use this information to prevent fraud and money laundering, for example, when:

- Checking details on applications for credit and credit related or other facilities
- Managing credit and credit related accounts or facilities
- Recovering debt
- Checking details on proposals and claims for all types of insurance
- Checking details of job applicants and employees

Details of the registers, databases and fraud prevention agencies we use may be requested from the Company Secretary at: ERS Insurance Group Limited, 21 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AH

Cheat line

To protect our policyholders, we are members of the Insurance Fraud Bureau (IFB). If you suspect insurance fraud is being committed, you can call them on their confidential cheat line on 0800 422 0421.

Retention

We will keep your personal data only for as long as is necessary for the purpose for which it was collected. In particular, we will retain your information for as long as there is any possibility that either you or we may wish to bring a legal claim under or relating to your insurance, or where we are required to keep your information for legal or regulatory purposes.

Your rights

You have rights under the Data Protection laws including the right to access the information we hold about you (subject to any legal restrictions that may apply), to have the information corrected if it is inaccurate, and to have it updated if it is incomplete. In certain circumstances you may have the right to restrict or object to processing, to receive an electronic copy of your data ("data portability") or to have your data deleted. You can also find out about any automated decisions we make that affect your insurance or premiums.

If you wish to exercise any of your rights, please contact us at:
Data Protection Officer
Address: 21 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AH
Email: dpo@ers.com

Further details about all the rights available to you may be found on our website: www.ers.com/policy-pages/privacy-policy
If you are not satisfied with our use of your personal data or our response to any request by you to exercise your rights in relation to your personal data, please contact dpo@ers.com

You also have a right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner:
Address: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545745 (national rate)
Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

As we are members of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), you may be entitled to compensation under the scheme if we cannot pay out all valid claims under this insurance. This depends on the type of policy you have and the circumstances of the claim. The scheme will cover 90% of the claim with no upper limit. For types of insurance you must have by law (such as third party insurance for motor claims), the scheme will cover the whole claim. You can get more information about the scheme from the FSCS via:

Address: Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU
Tel: 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100
Email: enquiries@fscs.org.uk
Web: fscs.org.uk