

# Equine Breakdown

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## Your policy document

Thank you for choosing ERS Horsebox and Horse Trailer Motor Breakdown Insurance.

This is your Horsebox and Horse Trailer Motor Breakdown policy document. It contains everything you need to know about the cover you have bought, including useful information around what to do in the event of a breakdown. Please read this document carefully and keep it safe.

## Our agreement – your insurance

This document is a legally binding contract of insurance between you (the policyholder) and us (ERS). We have agreed to insure you under the terms, conditions and exceptions contained in this document. The insurance provided by this document covers any horsebox or horse trailer motor breakdown that occurs during any period of insurance for which you have paid, or agreed to pay the premium. 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

ERS (Syndicate 218 at Lloyd's) is managed by IQW Syndicate Management Limited, which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. (Registered number 204851).

IQW Syndicate Management Limited is registered in England and Wales number 426475. The registered office is: 30 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3BD

## Definitions

Wherever these key words appear in this document, they will have the meanings defined below:

- **Administrator** - as shown on the policy schedule
- **Breakdown(s)** - mechanical or electrical component failures/breakages; flat batteries; punctures; running out of fuel; misfuelling or contaminated fuel used; ignition keys lost, stolen or locked in the insured vehicle; damage caused by accident, vandalism or attempted theft; or being stuck in snow, ice, mud, sand or flood which renders the insured vehicle incapable of being driven or illegal to drive, occurring during the period of insurance and within the geographical limits corresponding to the cover you have purchased as shown on the policy schedule
- **ERS** - ERS is made up of the Lloyd's underwriters who have insured you under this contract. Each underwriter is only liable 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
- **Geographical limits** - UK - within the mainland of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and the Scottish Isles
- **Home address** - the place where the insured vehicle is normally kept within the UK, as shown on the policy schedule
- **Horse(s)** - any horse(s) and other members of the horse family being transported by the insured vehicle
- **Horsebox** - any vehicle which is specifically designed and manufactured for the transportation of horse(s)
- **Horse trailer** - and trailer which is specifically designed and manufactured for the transportation of horse(s)
- **Insured vehicle** - any vehicle(s) specified on the policy schedule (or reported to and accepted by us) that meets the following eligibility criteria:
  - any horsebox
  - any horse trailer attached to the towing vehicle specified on the policy schedule at the time of a breakdown
  - the towing vehicle (attached or not attached to the horse trailer)
- **Passenger(s)** - persons being legally transported by the insured vehicle
- **Period of insurance** - the period of time covered by this insurance, as shown on the policy schedule
- **Policy schedule** - the document showing the insured vehicle details and the cover which applies
- **Policyholder** - the person as shown on the policy schedule
- **Recovery agent** - a qualified motor mechanic or recovery driver who is a member of our approved recovery network
- **Specialist equipment** - non-standard apparatus or recovery vehicles which, in the opinion of the recovery agent, are required to safely recover the insured vehicle. Specialist equipment includes, but is not limited to, winches, skates, sliders, dolly wheels, donor wheels and crane lifts
- **We / us / our** - ERS
- **You / your** - the policyholder as shown on the policy schedule and any authorised driver and passenger(s)

## Customer information

### Type of cover

This is a horsebox and horse trailer motor breakdown insurance policy and covers the vehicle(s) stated on the policy schedule, no matter who is driving or in control of it, as long as they are legally able.

### Making changes to your policy

If you need to make any changes to your policy, please contact us without delay so that we can update it for you. Changes you need to tell us about include:

- any change to the insured vehicle(s)
- any change to your name or address as the policyholder
- any increase in the level of cover required
- any reduction in the level of cover required (please note, you can only reduce your cover within the first 14 days of the period of insurance)

If you don't keep us up to date with any changes – or provide incorrect information – then you may not be covered under this policy.

To make changes to your policy please contact the administrator as shown on the policy schedule.

**Please note:** Any changes to your policy may result in additional premium being charged.

### Law

This contract is subject to English Law, unless:

- you and we both 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

## 24-hour breakdown helplines

### Reporting a breakdown

Whilst we hope that all journeys will be incident free, should the insured vehicle suffer a breakdown, our 24-hour Rescue Control Centre is on hand to help. Our aim is to attend the scene of a motor breakdown as quickly as we can. There may be times where delays arise due to external factors beyond our control i.e., the weather or roadworks. During these times we appreciate your patience.

You can contact the 24-hour Rescue Control Centre on:

0800 243 783 or 01277 720718

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired and require assistance, you can text your full name and registration number to +44 (0) 7537 404890.

Please note, breakdowns which occur within the initial 24 hours of cover commencing will not be covered. This does not apply to any renewing policies.

So that we can help you as quickly as possible, please make sure you have the following information ready:

- the policy number, policyholder name and address
- a contact phone number
- the insured vehicle registration number, make and model
- the location of the breakdown
- any vehicle modifications or other information which may be relevant to the recovery of the insured vehicle
- the number of horse(s) being transported by the insured vehicle

**Please note:** To help provide a first class service, telephone calls may be recorded

# Complaints

## How to make a complaint if things go wrong

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.

ERS Customer Relations  
PO Box 3937  
Swindon  
SN4 4GW  
Tel: 0345 268 0279  
Email: [complaints@ers.com](mailto:complaints@ers.com)

If you are not satisfied with our response, you may ask the Complaints department at Lloyd's to review your case.

Complaints Department  
Lloyd's  
One Lime Street  
London  
EC3M 7HA  
Tel: 020 7327 5693  
Email: [complaints@lloyds.com](mailto:complaints@lloyds.com)  
Website: [lloyds.com/complaints](http://lloyds.com/complaints)

If you are still not satisfied after contacting Lloyd's, you can refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS.)

The Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower  
London  
E14 9SR  
Tel: 0800 023 4567  
Email: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)  
Website: [financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://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  
30 Fenchurch Street  
London  
EC3M 3BD



## **Cancellation**

### ***“14 Days Cooling off Period”***

If you decide that this insurance does not meet your needs, you may cancel it, without giving a reason, by contacting the administrator within 14 days from the purchase of this policy and declare your requirement to cancel.

The administrator will return any premium paid by you, unless a claim(s) has been made on the policy within the period of insurance.

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

### ***Outside “14 Days Cooling Off Period”***

After the 14 day period, you may cancel this insurance by contacting the administrator telling them of your wish to cancel. There will be no refund of premium.

### **Cancellation of your policy by us**

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

We will refund the part of your premium which applies to the remaining period of the insurance via the administrator.

Reasons we may cancel this insurance include, but are not limited to:

- unpaid premium
- you or anyone else covered by this insurance has not met the terms and conditions of this insurance
- you fail to provide documentation requested by us or the administrator
- any change in your circumstances that 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.



## Summary of cover

The table below, is a summary of what is covered under each section of the policy. Please refer to your policy schedule for confirmation of the cover level you have purchased and carefully read the full terms and conditions of cover.

Level of cover	Roadside (Section 1)	Roadside & Recovery (Section 2)	Total UK (Section 3)
Assistance at the roadside	✓	✓	✓
Recovery to the nearest repairer	✓	✓	✓
Phoning someone to let them know you're ok	✓	✓	✓
Misfuelling	✓	✓	✓
Lost keys	✓	✓	✓
Replacement driver	x	✓	✓
Recovery to any UK location	x	✓	✓
Vehicle hire/public transport/overnight accommodation	x	✓	✓
Assistance at the home address	x	x	✓

## UK Breakdown Cover | Section 1 - Roadside

### Roadside assistance

#### What is covered:

If the insured vehicle suffers a breakdown more than a ¼ of a mile from the home address, we will cover:

- up to one hour of labour costs at the roadside to try and repair the fault
- taking the insured vehicle, you and any horse(s) to the nearest available repairer within 50 miles of the breakdown if it cannot be repaired at the scene
- phoning someone that may need to know about the breakdown

If the repairer is closed and you ask us to take the insured vehicle back to the home address, we can pick it up the next day (or whenever suits you) and take it to the nearest available repairer within 50 miles of the home address.

#### What is not covered:

- more than one hour of labour costs at the roadside
- any benefit not arranged and agreed by us
- any costs (including labour) incurred for any repairs carried out other than at the scene of the breakdown
- any transportation beyond the nearest available repairer unless previously agreed by us
- any breakdowns occurring within a ¼ of a mile of the home address
- any storage costs
- any cost of recovering the insured vehicle, you and any horse(s) to separate destinations after a breakdown

### Misfuelling

#### What is covered:

If the insured vehicle cannot be driven as a result of using the incorrect type of fuel, we will cover:

- draining and flushing of the fuel tank at the roadside
- taking the insured vehicle, you and any horse(s) to the nearest available repairer for draining and flushing of the fuel tank, if it cannot be done at the scene
- topping up the fuel tank with 10 litres of the correct fuel

**Please note:** if you realise you have used the incorrect fuel and have not started the insured vehicle, do not attempt to start it.

#### What is not covered:

- any transportation beyond the nearest available repairer unless previously agreed by us
- any loss of fuel due to draining and flushing
- any resultant damage or failure of any parts caused by incorrect fuel being used

## Lost keys

### What is covered:

If you lock the keys within the insured vehicle or lose them, we will cover:

- taking the insured vehicle, you and any horse(s) to the nearest available repairer or
- taking you to and from where the spare keys are located, provided it is no further than the nearest available repairer

### What is not covered:

- any repairing, replacing, or re-programming of keys

## UK Breakdown Cover ; Section 2 Roadside & Recovery

### Recovery / alternative transport / overnight accommodation

#### What is covered:

In addition to the cover provided in Section 1, we will cover the following if the insured vehicle cannot be repaired at the scene of the breakdown or at the nearest available repairer by the end of the working day:

- taking the insured vehicle, you and any horse(s) to any one place within the UK that you choose or
- if you are more than 50 miles from the home address:
  - vehicle hire up to **£250** so that you can complete your journey and return to collect the insured vehicle after repair or
  - alternative means of public transport up to **£150** so that you can complete your journey and return to collect the insured vehicle after repair or
  - overnight accommodation (on a room only basis) for 1 night, up to **£75** per person to a total of **£500**, near where the insured vehicle is being repaired
  - stabling costs for any horse(s) for 1 night

#### What is not covered:

- any breakdown occurring within a ¼ of a mile of the home address
- any costs for food, meals or drinks
- any fuel and oil costs used in any hire vehicle
- any costs other than the daily rate of a hire vehicle (please see important information for further details)
- any costs related to the breakdown of a hire vehicle
- any ferry fares or toll fees

## Replacement driver

### What is covered:

If the only driver in the insured vehicle is certified as medically unfit to drive during a trip/journey, we will arrange and cover the cost for a chauffeur to drive or transport the insured vehicle to a single destination that you choose.



## UK Breakdown Cover | Section 3 Total UK

### Home assistance

#### **What is covered:**

In addition to the cover provided in Sections 1 and 2, we will cover the following if the insured vehicle suffers a breakdown within a ¼ of a mile of the home address:

- up to one hour of labour costs at the roadside or the home address
- taking the insured vehicle and you to the nearest available repairer if the breakdown cannot be repaired at the scene

#### **What is not covered:**

- any recovery costs other than to the nearest available repairer if the breakdown occurs within a ¼ of a mile of the home address
- recovery of any horse(s) if the breakdown occurs within a ¼ mile of the home address

## Important information

**Claiming for expenses** - Any claim for expenses must be notified within seven days of the breakdown to: ERS Breakdown, Axis Court, North Station Road, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1UX.

You must keep all invoices and receipts and other documents which may be relevant to a claim. Any documentary evidence and details we may require must be provided.

**Recovery agent documentation** - You may be asked to sign documentation by the recovery agent which relate to the service being provided. Failure to do so may result in further services being denied. Please do not sign any documents until you have read & understood the content in full.

**Hire vehicles** - It is not always possible to provide hire vehicles with automatic transmissions or vehicles with accessories such as bike racks, luggage racks or tow bars. We will be unable to assist with the sourcing of a horsebox or horse trailer, but we will reimburse amounts covered under this insurance.

The provision of a replacement vehicle is subject to availability and the hire company's terms and conditions, including any driving licence restrictions and minimum age requirements. You may need to provide the hire car company with a credit card and a full driving licence to receive the vehicle.

You are responsible for any damage to the hire vehicle while it is in your possession and any excess imposed by the hire company. We will only refund amounts covered by this policy if we receive valid invoices and receipts.

If you take up the benefit of a hire vehicle, we will not pay any costs other than the daily rate of this vehicle. Costs you may incur that are not covered include:

- any hire vehicle insurance costs
- any fuel or oil costs in the hire vehicle
- any costs related to damage or breakdown of the hire vehicle
- any excess waiver costs

**Misfuelling** - If you realise you have used the incorrect fuel in the insured vehicle and:

- you have not started the vehicle – do not attempt to start it
- you have started the vehicle – stop at the nearest safe location, turn off the vehicle and call the 24-hour Rescue Control Centre immediately

**Animals** - If there are animals other than horse(s) in the insured vehicle when it breaks down it will be our decision whether we can transport them. We will not be liable for the wellbeing of the animals. We will not transport livestock.

## General exceptions

These general exceptions apply to the whole policy:

1. Any loss, damage or costs that are covered by any other insurance or breakdown organisation
2. Any claim within the first 24 hours after the policy start date. This does not apply to any renewing policies
3. Direct or indirect loss, damage or legal responsibility caused by, contributed to or arising from:
  - acts of terrorism
  - an earthquake or other natural disaster
  - any result of war, riot, revolution, civil commotion or unrest, or any similar event
  - 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
  - carrying any dangerous substances or goods which you need a licence from the relevant authority
  - pressure waves caused by aircraft or other flying objects
4. Any costs if the insured vehicle has been used:
  - for public or private hire or reward, including but not limited to, taxis and couriers - unless the appropriate cover is shown on your policy schedule
  - on any race track, race circuit or toll road without a speed limit (such as Nürburgring)
  - for racing, rally, pace making or in any contest or speed trial, or practising for any such event, or is involved in any rigorous reliability testing
5. Our recovery agent must have attended the initial breakdown for any cover under this policy to be in force
6. Any costs if the insured vehicle is overloaded or carrying more than the amount of passengers or horse(s) for which it was designed
7. The cost of any parts, components or materials used to repair or remobilise the insured vehicle
8. Any costs related to you not carrying a spare tyre or tyre inflation kit. This includes the sourcing and delivery of any tyres and any tyre specialist costs
9. Breakdowns due to frost damage or failure to maintain the insured vehicle which leads to insufficient oil, coolant, or other fluids (excluding fuel)
10. Any penalty, parking, congestion or emission charges or any fines
11. Any request for assistance if the insured vehicle is not accessible by the attending recovery agent
12. Any call-out related to a previous breakdown which has occurred within the last 28 days - unless you have made permanent repairs to the fault, or the insured vehicle has been declared fit to drive by a recovery agent, or is in transit to a pre-booked appointment at a suitable repairer

13. Damage or costs incurred as a direct result of gaining access to the insured vehicle following any request for assistance
14. The repair or recovery of the insured vehicle at or from the premises of a motor trader
15. The attendance or recovery of any vehicle being used with trade plates
16. Vehicles which are broken down before or at the time of purchase, or breakdowns due to faults already known to you when you purchased this policy
17. Loss of or damage to the insured vehicle or its contents, or any valuables carried in it
18. Telephone call charges
19. Compensation due to any delays in providing the services covered under this policy
20. Costs that aren't immediately to do with getting the insured vehicle back on the road, for example lost earnings if a breakdown means you are late for work
21. Breakdowns which occur due to speeding, alcohol or drug-related incidents

## General conditions

These general conditions apply to the whole policy:

1. We will only provide the cover described in this insurance if:
  - anyone involved in or making a claim has met all the conditions in this document and
  - the information you have given is, as far as you know, correct and complete
2. We can:
  - takeover, conduct, defend or settle any claim
  - take proceedings, at our own expense 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
3. This insurance covers only the insured vehicle as shown on the policy schedule. You must tell the administrator about any change to the insured vehicle immediately
4. The insured vehicle must have an MOT (unless exempt), be taxed, insured and registered in the UK
5. You must make sure that the insured vehicle is in a roadworthy condition at all times and it has been maintained and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and any necessary repairs have been carried out. At the time of a claim, you must be able to provide proof of servicing if we ask for it
6. If the insured vehicle suffers a breakdown, you must immediately tell the 24-hour Rescue Control Centre
7. Recovery of the insured vehicle will be undertaken in accordance with regulations as they relate to our recovery agents' working hours. Recovery agents may require regular breaks or operate staged recoveries where further agents are used to share the recovery
8. If the insured vehicle is fitted with locking wheel nuts you must carry the key/tool to remove them
9. Where possible you must stay with the insured vehicle when the recovery agent arrives
10. If the insured vehicle is involved in a road traffic accident, you must supply us with your motor insurance details when we ask for this information. You must also report the incident to your insurer immediately
11. Any emergency repairs undertaken at the roadside by recovery agents are temporary, to resolve the immediate breakdown. These repairs cannot be guaranteed and permanent repairs will need to be affected at the earliest opportunity. You are responsible for ensuring any repairs carried out at a repairing garage are to your satisfaction



## 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 United Kingdom and the European Economic Area. In all cases we will make sure that your information is adequately protected. Whenever we transfer your personal information out of the United Kingdom we will ensure a similar degree of protection is afforded to it by making sure that adequate safeguards are implemented, including transferring the data to a country that has been deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for personal data, or ensuring the transfer is subject to the standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission or other contracts or mechanisms 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](http://www.ers.com/policy-pages/privacy-policy)

### Where we collect your personal information

We might collect personal information about you from:

- You
- Your broker
- Your family members
- Your employer or their representative
- Other companies in the insurance market
- Credit reference agencies
- 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
- Other publicly available sources of information including social media

### 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, other insurers, 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, courts, legal and other expert advisers, and third parties who are involved in the claim. More information about these disclosures is set out below.

We purchase reinsurance to protect against the most significant claims made against motor insurance policies issued. Should such a claim arise under your insurance contract, we may disclose to our 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 us 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](http://www.ers.com/policy-pages/privacy-policy)

### The personal information we may collect about you

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; also, information collected from publicly available sources of information including social media.
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 in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. 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](http://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](http://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, your broker, your legal representative, 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 conduct searches of publicly available sources of information including social media to verify claims and detect and prosecute fraud. We may share your information with law enforcement agencies, legal advisers, investigators, 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, 30 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3BD

### **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

30 Fenchurch Street

London

EC3M 3BD

Email: [dpo@ers.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:dpo@ers.com)

You also have a right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner:

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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@fscs.org.uk)

Web: [fscs.org.uk](http://fscs.org.uk)