# To report a claim, call:









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# Lines are open 24/7 all year round

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# **IMPORTANT**

You must report all claims whether or not it is your fault and whether you intend to make a claim or not.

You should call to report your claim as soon as possible and within 12 hours of the incident occurring.

# **Legal Cover**

Your policy includes free legal cover. If you've had an accident that was not your fault, your legal cover could help you with;

- Repairs for your vehicle
- A like for like hire car
- Compensation for injury
- Recovery of other losses, such as loss of earnings

More information about legal cover can be found at: www.adrianflux.co.uk/legal-expenses Our claimsline handlers will discuss your legal cover with you.

# Reporting Fraudulent claims

If you suspect insurance fraud, you can call the Insurance Fraud Bureau's Cheatline on **0800 422 0421**.

You can also report insurance fraud online at www.insurancefraudbureau.org/report

24/7 Claims Line 0844 888 7360



# HIGH NET WORTH

Motor insurance policy



# Your motor policy

#### Welcome to RSA

We'd like to welcome you to RSA and thank you for choosing us to take care of your car insurance. We would also like to wish you an enjoyable and hassle-free period of motoring.

When you deal with us, you can be sure everything will be simple and straightforward. You will have direct access to knowledgeable, friendly staff who will give you a quick and efficient service. We are committed to providing a first-class service to our customers and you can help us do this by letting us know if you are dissatisfied in any way.

We suggest that soon after receiving your policy you familiarise yourself with the contents of this policy booklet, and read the section headed 'What you should do if there is an accident or theft'. Whilst we hope you never need the information it is better to be prepared for the unexpected.

If you want to make a claim, make changes to your policy, or if you have any other queries, your insurance consultant will be able to help you.

You must also tell us as soon as possible of any changes to the information that you have provided to us. If you do not, your policy may not be valid.

We will not make any payment, or provide any other help or benefits under this policy, and will not return any premium to you, if you commit fraud in connection with your application for this insurance or with any changes to this policy.

# Your motor policy

This is your RSA motor policy booklet.

The information you provided, and the declaration you agreed to, along with this policy booklet, your schedule and your certificate of motor insurance are all part of your policy. Please read them all to avoid any misunderstandings.

It sets out the contract between you and us, and in return for the premium we will cover you during the period of insurance under the terms set out in your policy. This policy booklet, together with your schedule, gives you the details of what your policy does and does not cover. Please pay special attention to those pages describing the Conditions and Exceptions which apply to your whole policy. It also contains information about our 24-hour helplines, how to make a claim and what you can do to make your car more secure.

Under the laws of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) both you and we may choose the law which applies to this contract, to the extent permitted by those laws. Unless you and we agree otherwise, we have agreed with you that the law which applies to this contract is the law which applies to the part of the United Kingdom in which you live, or, if you live in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the law of whichever of those two places in which you live.

We and you have agreed that any legal proceedings between you and us in connection with this contract will only take place in the courts of the part of the United Kingdom in which you live, or, if you live in either the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the courts of whichever of those two places in which you live.

We hope you are happy with your policy. If you are not, please send us the certificate of motor insurance within 14 days of you receiving your policy documents. We will then give you back your money provided there have been no claims under the policy and you confirm that you are not aware of any incident which may give rise to a claim under this policy.

Please note that not all of the sections listed below will apply to your policy. Those which do apply are shown in your schedule.

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# Policy definitions

The words defined below will have the same meaning wherever they are shown in **your policy** in **bold** print.

#### Accessories

Accessories are defined as:

- · child safety seats;
- roof racks;
- · roof boxes; and
- · cycle carriers.

#### **British Isles**

The British Isles are:

- Great Britain:
- the Republic of Ireland;
- · Northern Ireland;
- the Isle of Man;
- · the Channel Islands; and
- journeys by water, air or rail within or directly between any of these areas.

# Certificate of motor insurance

The document which proves that **you** have insurance with **us** and is in respect of this **policy** in line with road traffic laws.

#### **Driver**

Anyone who is shown on **your certificate of motor insurance** as being entitled to drive **your car** and has **your** permission to drive it.

#### **Excess**

The amounts shown in your schedule(s) which you must pay when you make a claim which is covered by your policy.

#### In-car equipment

In-car equipment is:

- a radio, cassette, compact disc player or other audio equipment;
- · a phone or other communication equipment;
- navigation equipment designed primarily for use in your car; and
- television or other visual entertainment equipment including video cassette recorders, DVD players and games consoles.

The equipment, except for portable navigation equipment, must be permanently fitted in **your car**.

#### Key(s)

Key(s) means any device used for starting **your car** or using its locking mechanism or immobiliser.

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## Loan car

Any car supplied to **you** under an agreement between **us** and one of **our** approved repairers or a hire car company.

Market value

The cost of replacing **your car** with a car of the same make, model, specification, mileage and age, which is in the same condition as **your car** was immediately before the loss or damage **you** are claiming for.

No claim discount

A discount from your premium in return for you not making a claim.

Period of insurance

The length of time for which your policy runs as specified in your schedule(s).

**Policy** 

Your policy is made up of:

- The record of information that **you** have provided to **us**;
- this policy booklet;
- your schedule(s); and
- · your certificate of motor insurance.

**S**chedule

The document which describes:

- you;
- any other **driver**; and
- any special details of your policy such as excesses, policy limits or special terms and conditions.

#### **Territorial limits**

These are:

- the British Isles:
- any country which is a member of the European Union; and
- any other country which meets the motor insurance Directives of, and is approved by, the European Commission.
- journeys by water, rail or air between or within any of these countries, as long as:
  - your car is transported by a commercial carrier, and
  - if transport is by water, the route taken does not last more than 65 hours under normal circumstances.

**Terrorism** 

Terrorism means using or threatening violence or action against people, property, business or everyday life for political, religious or ideological reasons.

We, us, our

Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc and anyone we may appoint to act on our behalf.

You, your

The person named as the policyholder in:

- your certificate of motor insurance; and
- your schedule.

### Your car

The car:

- whose details have been reported to and accepted by  ${\bf us}$ ; and
- whose registration number is shown in your certificate of motor insurance and your schedule.

This includes any in-car equipment fitted as standard by the manufacturer.

#### Your partner

The partner, husband or wife of the policyholder living at the same address as the policyholder and sharing financial responsibility. This does not include business partners or associates

Important things to remember to keep your car safe.

- Whenever there is no-one in your car, lock your car doors, shut the windows and sun roof.
   Don't forget to lock your garage as well. A few seconds is all it takes for a thief to steal your car or its contents.
- Take care where you park your car. If you have a garage at home, please use it. When you are
  away from home, try to use secure car parks. If this isn't possible, avoid parking in back streets or
  quiet areas because these are ideal working conditions for a thief. If you have to leave your car
  outside at night, always try to park in a well-lit and busy area.
- Don't leave valuables on show even when **you** are in **your car**. Thieves have been known to reach through passenger windows when **your car** is not moving.
- Satellite Navigation equipment is very attractive to thieves and could be costly for you to replace.
   When it is not being used, or when there is no-one in your car, keep any portable satellite navigation equipment, including any removable fittings which may attract a thief (such as suction cups), in a locked boot or locked glove compartment of your car.
- Take your key(s) out of the ignition when there is no-one in your car (for example, at a petrol station), even if it is only for a few seconds. If the key(s) are in, or in the vicinity of, your car and your car is stolen, whether your car is on the public highway or not, your policy will not cover the theft or any damage.
- Fit extra security measures, such as a steering wheel lock or handbrake lock. Better still, consider
  fitting an engine immobiliser, alarm system, or a tracking device.
- Take care where you put your car keys once they are removed from the car. When you are
  away from home, keep them with you at all times. Do not leave them unattended for example,
  in a coat or purse. When you are at home, try and keep them away from your front door, as
  thieves have been known to 'fish' through the letter box to get hold of them.
- An effective way to beat the car thief is to have your windows permanently etched. A thief will
  then think twice about stealing your car as it will be costly for them to replace the glass. Book a
  visit to your local branch of Autoglass, show them your current Certificate of Motor Insurance
  and have your car's registration or chassis number etched onto your glass.

# What you should do when circumstances change

## If you change your car

If you change your car please tell your insurance consultant. They will let you know about any change in your premium and will send you an updated schedule and certificate of motor insurance.

They will need to know the full details of your new car (for example, its make and model, registration number and engine size). They will also need to know whether the car is registered or owned in another person's name and if it has been modified.

Whenever you get a new car, you must get a cover note or a new certificate of motor insurance before you drive it. You must also return the old certificate of motor insurance to us.

## If you want to change drivers

Your current certificate of motor insurance shows who is covered to drive your car. If you want to change any of the names, please contact your insurance consultant straight away.

## If you change address

Please contact your insurance consultant with full details of your new address, including the postcode, as soon as you know it. They will then let you know about any change in your premium and send you an updated schedule.

#### If you want to drive another car

Your policy may cover you, only, for driving other cars which do not belong to you (provided your certificate of motor insurance shows that you have this cover). However, cover is restricted to third party liability only and does not provide cover for loss or damage to other cars you are driving.

The Driving Other cars cover to this **policy** does not apply to any car belonging to **your partner**.

This limited cover can be very useful in an emergency, but if you are planning to drive someone else's car regularly you should be named on their insurance policy.

## If you need to use your car for towing

Your policy provides cover for legal liabilities while you are towing, but it doesn't provide cover for loss or damage to the items being towed. You will need to arrange separate cover for those items if you need loss or damage cover for them.

# If any other circumstances change

You must tell your insurance consultant immediately if

- if you get an extra car or change your car for another one;
- if there is a change in use of your car (for example, you require business use);

You must tell your insurance consultant as soon as reasonably possible if any other circumstances change, for example:

- if you or any other driver has been convicted of any motoring offence including fixed penalty offences, or has any prosecutions outstanding;
- if you or any other driver has been involved in any accidents, losses or thefts, regardless of whether a claim was made:
- if you or any other driver has been convicted of an offence of fraud or dishonesty (e.g. shop lifting, credit card fraud, tax evasion) or have possible prosecutions outstanding;
- if you or any other driver develops a notifiable health condition or an existing condition worsens. A notifiable health condition is one which must be referred to the DVLA (please refer to the DVLA D100 leaflet or www.direct.gov.uk/motoring for a full list of notifiable conditions) Examples of notifiable conditions are Epilepsy or insulin controlled Diabetes;
- if the main driver of your car changes;
- if the registered keeper or owner of your car changes:
- if the place where your car is usually kept changes;
- if any modifications are made to your car (e.g. any changes which may affect your car's performance).
- if the number of vehicles in your family changes;

If you are not sure whether to report a change, please contact your insurance consultant.

## How your no claim discount works

You earn no claim discount for each year of cover during which you do not claim. The discount increases each year up to the maximum on your scale. A single claim, if you are 'at fault' (or if we cannot recover full losses from another person's insurer) will reduce your no claim discount.

However, if you have applied and been accepted for no claim discount protection cover, your discount will not be affected unless you have more than two 'at fault' (or if we cannot recover full losses from another person's insurer) claims in five years. Upon the occurrence of a third claim your no claim discount will be reduced.

## Reduction of cover to 'Laid up' status

If you ask us to, and depending on your existing level of cover, we will reduce your cover to loss and damage (section 3) or fire and theft (section 2) and give you a refund as long as:

- your car is kept in a locked garage and is not used for at least 30 consecutive days,
- you provide us with notice before you stop using your car and return your certificate of motor insurance to us.
- you have not made a claim during the current period of insurance.

Whilst your cover is laid up you will have no cover to use your car on a road or public highway. We can only maintain this level of cover until your next renewal.

You can, after 30 days, ask us to reinstate your cover and we will calculate the additional premium then due.

# Section I Legal liability to others

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

#### What we cover

#### A. What we cover

We cover legal responsibility for:

- killing or injuring someone; or
- damaging property (we will pay up to £20,000,000. This limit includes legal costs for any claim or claims arising from one incident);

after an accident involving:

- · your car
- a trailer that is attached to your car, or
- any other vehicle that your certificate of motor insurance allows only you to use in the British Isles.

#### B. Who we cover

We cover you:

- using your car
- using any other vehicle that your certificate of motor insurance allows you to use in the British Isles.

We cover the following other people:

- any driver using your car,
- anyone you allow to use (but not drive) your car for social, domestic and pleasure purposes,
- · anyone who is a passenger in your car,
- any employer of a driver shown on your certificate of motor insurance, as long as your certificate of motor insurance allows the use your car is put to,
- the legal representatives of any person who dies and who would have been covered under this section.

#### What we do not cover

We do not cover the following:

- Loss of or damage to your car or any other property which is owned by or in the care of anyone making a claim under this section.
- 2. Legal liability for death of or physical injury to anyone as a result of their job, except as required under road traffic laws.
- Legal liability in connection with any vehicle which belongs to or is hired to the employer or business partner of you or your partner, if there is any other insurance policy covering the same liability.
- The legal liability of anyone who is not driving but who is claiming cover if they know that the **driver** does not have a valid licence to drive **your car**.
- The legal liability of anyone other than you, if they are entitled to cover under any other insurance policy.
- Legal liability, except as required under road traffic laws, as a result of using a vehicle on any part of an airport or airfield provided for aircraft movement, parking or maintenance.
- We will not be liable for any consequence of terrorism unless we have to meet the requirements of any road traffic legislation.

#### What we cover

## C. Cover for legal costs and expenses

We cover you and those people in Section I Part B for the following for any incident which might involve legal liability under your policy.

- · The costs of defence against a charge of manslaughter or causing death by dangerous driving. You must have our written permission before agreeing to these costs.
- · Solicitors' fees at a coroner's inquest, fatal inquiry or magistrates' court. You must have our written permission before agreeing to these costs.
- Other legal fees, costs and expenses which we have agreed to in writing.

#### D. Cover abroad

We provide the minimum cover required by law to allow you to use your car in any of the following countries.

- · Any country which is a member of the European Union.
- Any other country which meets the motor insurance Directives of, and is approved by, the European Commission.

## E. Emergency treatment fees

We will pay the cost of any emergency medical treatment required under road traffic laws.

If we pay emergency treatment fees, this will not affect your no claim discount.

#### What we do not cover

See previous page for details of what we do not cover under this section.

# Section 2 Fire and theft

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

#### What we cover

We cover loss or damage caused by fire, lightning, explosion, theft or attempted theft to:

- your car;
- · in-car equipment;
- accessories and spare parts which are fitted into or onto your car or kept in your private garage; and
- a trailer (if your schedule shows that you have this cover).
- a loan car

If we give you a loan car, we will cover it as if it was covered under Section 3 and Section 4.

For claims conditions relating to this section please read 'How we will settle a claim under Sections 2. 3 and 4'.

#### What we do not cover

We do not cover the following:

 Any excess shown under 'Fire' or 'Theft Excess' in your schedule for any loss or damage to your car which is caused by fire theft or attempted theft.

These excess will not apply if your car is in your locked private garage at the time of the fire, theft or attempted theft.

- 2. Loss of value.
- 3. Wear and tear.
- 4. Loss of use.
- Loss or damage to a part that breaks or fails and any resulting loss or damage caused to any other parts.
- 6. Damage to tyres caused by punctures, cuts or bursts.
- 7. Loss or damage resulting from **your car** being taken, without **your** permission, by:
  - your partner;
  - your boyfriend or girlfriend;
  - your children;
  - anyone who normally lives with you; or
  - a member of your family.
- 8. Any loss or damage to your car if:
  - your car is unlocked;
  - your car windows or sunroof are open; or
  - your car key(s) are in, or in the vicinity of, your car;

when there is no-one in it.

## What we do not cover

- 9. Loss or damage caused by deception.
- 10. Loss or theft of portable satellite navigation equipment when there is no-one in your car, unless it is stored out of sight in either a locked boot or glove compartment.

# Section 3 Loss and damage

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

What we cover

# A. Loss and damage

We cover loss of or damage to:

- your car;
- in-car equipment;
- accessories and spare parts which are fitted into or onto your car or kept in your private garage;
- a trailer (if your schedule shows that you have this cover); and
- a loan car.

## B. New car replacement

If you buy your car new and within 12 months it is:

- · stolen and not recovered; or
- damaged and the repair cost is more than 60% of its current new list price including VAT (where appropriate);

**we** may replace it with a new car of the same UK specification.

# C. Emergency overnight accommodation

We will pay up to the amount shown as 'Overnight accommodation' in your schedule for necessary expenses for emergency accommodation if you or any other driver:

- cannot use your car during a journey as a result of loss or damage which we cover;
- cannot reach your destination.

For claims conditions relating to this section please read 'How we will settle a claim under Sections 2, 3 and 4'.

#### What we do not cover

We do not cover the following.

 Any excess shown under 'Accidental Damage Excess' in your schedule for any loss or damage to your car.

This excess will not apply to loss or damage caused by fire, theft and attempted theft.

 Any additional excess shown in your schedule for young or inexperienced drivers for any loss or damage while your car is being driven by them or in their care.

This **excess** will not apply when **your car** is in the care of:

- a garage or similar motor trade organisation for servicing or repair; or
- a hotel or restaurant for the purpose of parking.
- Any excess shown under 'Fire' or 'Theft Excess' in your schedule for any loss or damage to your car which is caused by fire, theft or attempted theft.

These excesses will not apply if your car is in your locked private garage at the time of the fire, theft or attempted theft.

- 4. Loss of value.
- 5. Wear and tear.
- 6. Loss of use.
- Loss or damage to a part that breaks or fails and any resulting loss or damage caused to any other parts.

#### What we cover

## D. Loss of road tax

If your car is stolen and unrecovered, or damaged and a our engineer confirms the vehicle is a total loss, we will pay for any road tax that is still left that you are not able to recover from the licensing authorities.

#### What we do not cover

- 8. Damage to tyres caused by punctures, cuts or bursts.
- 9. Loss or damage resulting from your car being taken, without your permission, by:
  - your partner;
  - your boyfriend or girlfriend;
  - your children;
  - anyone who normally lives with you; or
  - a member of your family.
- 10. Any loss or damage to your car if:
  - your car is unlocked;
  - your car windows are open; or
  - your car key(s) are in, or in the vicinity of, your car;

when there is no-one in it.

- 11. Loss or damage caused by deception.
- 12. Loss or theft of portable satellite navigation equipment when there is no-one in your car, unless it is stored out of sight in either a locked boot or glove compartment.

### Important note:

Exceptions I to I2 apply to all of this section.

# Section 4 Windscreen cover

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

#### What we cover

We cover loss of or damage to the windscreen, windows and glass sunroof of your car or of any loan car and any damage to the bodywork which is caused by the broken glass.

If **you** only make a claim under this section it will not affect **your no claim discount**.

For claims conditions relating to this section please read 'How we will settle a claim under Sections 2, 3 and 4'.

#### What we do not cover

Any **excess** shown under 'Windscreen or Window Glass Excess' in **your schedule** for:

- · any claim which is only for replacing glass;
- any scratching of the bodywork which is caused by the broken glass.

This excess will not apply if the damage to the windscreen, windows or glass sunroof is repaired.

# How we will settle a claim under sections 2, 3 and 4

#### A. The maximum amounts we will cover

We will provide cover up to the following amounts.

- 1. For your car, either,
  - a) the market value; or
  - b) the cost of a replacement new car (Section 3B)
- 2. For in-car equipment if the equipment has been fitted as standard by your car's manufacturer, we consider it to be part of your car and so no separate limit applies. Otherwise, we will pay up to the amount shown as 'In-car equipment cover' on your schedule.
- 3. For your car's accessories and spare parts the manufacturer's last published retail price. We will also provide cover for any child safety seats which are fitted to your car at the time of an incident, even if there is no apparent damage.
- 4. For any trailer the amount shown on your schedule.
- 5. For emergency accommodation up to the amount shown as 'Overnight accommodation' on your schedule.

# B. How we will settle your claim

If the loss or damage is covered under your policy, we will settle your claim as explained below.

#### I. Your car and trailer

If your car is lost or damaged we:

- may choose to repair the damage or pay the amount of loss or damage. We may decide to use suitable parts or accessories which are not supplied by the original manufacturer.
- If your car is lost and never found, or if in our view, it cannot be repaired for a reasonable cost, we will pay either:
  - a) the market value; or
  - b) the cost of a replacement new car (Section 3B)
- We will deal with a claim for loss or damage to a trailer in the same way, as long as cover for the trailer is shown in your schedule.

### 2. In-car equipment, the windscreen, windows and glass sunroof

If the in-car equipment, windscreen, windows or glass sunroof are lost or damaged, we will:

- pay for the damage to be repaired (if repairs can be made for a reasonable cost); or
- if repairs cannot be made for a reasonable cost, or if the item is lost and never found, we will
  arrange replacement with property of similar quality and value.

#### 3. Loan car

If a **loan car** is lost or damaged, **we** will settle the claim with the repairer or hire car supplier under the terms of **your policy** and under any agreement **you** have with the repairer, hire car supplier or **us** relating to the **loan car**.

Any claim for loss or damage to a loan car will affect your no claim discount as if you were claiming for loss or damage to your car. Any excess which would apply to your car if you had comprehensive cover will also apply to a loan car.

## C. Hiring and other agreements

If you have a hire purchase agreement or vehicle leasing agreement for your car, we will pay any claim to your car's legal owner.

## D. Protecting, removing and delivering your car

If the loss or damage is covered under your policy, we will pay the reasonable costs of:

- taking your car to the nearest repairer if it cannot be driven; and
- delivering your car to your address in the British Isles after it has been repaired.

# Section 5 Travel accident plan – definitions

This section only applies if it is listed on your schedule. These definitions take precedence over any individual policy definition.

#### Air travel

Getting into, travelling in or getting out of any fully licensed passengercarrying aircraft as a passenger, but not as a member of the crew, or for the purposes of carrying out work in or on the aircraft.

#### **Bodily injury**

Sudden and accidental physical injury, excluding any sickness, disease or degenerative medical process.

## Private motor vehicle

Any vehicle which is built or adapted to:

- carry not more than 9 passengers (including the driver); or
- carry or haul a load and with a fully laden weight (including the weight of any trailer or semi-trailer) of not more than 3500 Kg.

Agricultural vehicles are not included.

# Private motor vehicle pedestrian or passenger accident

An accident happening anywhere in the world to you:

- when getting into, driving in, riding in or getting out of any private motor vehicle:
- when struck by any kind of vehicle whilst as a pedestrian or pedal cyclist on a public thoroughfare;
- when boarding, travelling in or getting off any bus, train, taxi, ship, ferryboat or hovercraft as long as you are a fare-paying passenger,
- during air travel.

## Public thoroughfare

Any road or track built for motor vehicles to use but to which the public at large has a right of way.

# Section 5 Travel accident plan Part I – What we cover

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

#### What we cover

We will pay your estate the amount shown in the schedule if, during any period of insurance, as the result of a private motor vehicle pedestrian or passenger accident, you suffer bodily injury which, within 52 weeks, is the only cause of death.

#### What we do not cover

This section does not provide cover for **bodily injury** suffered:

- while you are driving, if you do not hold a current and valid driving licence to drive the private motor vehicle;
- while you are driving with more than the legally permitted level of alcohol in the blood:
- as the result of, or which is contributed to by, you having taken a drug unless taken on proper medical advice and not for the treatment of drug addiction;
- while you are motorcycling (including mopeds) as a rider or passenger;
- while you are taking part in or practising for racing, rallies, trials or speed tests;
- arising directly or indirectly from war, hostilities, terrorism, revolution, military power or civil commotion;
- arising directly or indirectly from your drug addiction or solvent abuse or excessive alcohol intake;
- arising directly or indirectly or resulting from your own illegal or criminal act;
- arising directly or indirectly or resulting from deliberately injuring yourself, or putting yourself in needless danger except in an attempt to save human life;
- as the result of committing or attempting to commit suicide.

# Section 5 Travel accident plan Part 2 – Conditions

#### A. Claims conditions

In the event of a **private motor vehicle pedestrian or passenger accident, we** must be told as soon as possible. Initially this can be by phone or in writing from **your** representative, who may be a relative, close friend, solicitor or executor of **your** estate.

Any delays in telling **us** will affect the speed with which **we** can deal with the claim.

If necessary, examination by **our** medical advisors must be allowed. Any other evidence **we** may reasonably need in support of a claim must be produced at the expense of those making the claim.

We will pay any benefit due to your estate. We will not add interest to any amount payable.

#### **B.** Cancellation conditions

You may cancel this section of the **policy** at any time. We will refund the appropriate proportion of **your** premium worked out from either the date **you** contact **us**, or a future date from which **you** would like this section of **your policy** cancelled from.

We may cancel this section by giving you 7 days' notice to your last known address. We will then refund the appropriate proportion of your premium.

# Section 6 Medical expenses

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

### What we cover

We will pay benefit up to the amount shown as 'Medical expenses' in your schedule for the cost of medical treatment for anyone injured in an accident in your car.

# Section 7 Personal effects

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

#### What we cover

We cover loss of or damage to personal possessions in or on your car up to the amount shown as 'Personal effects' in your schedule.

We will pay you or, if you prefer, the owner of the property.

#### What we do not cover

We do not cover the following:

- 1. Money, stamps, tickets, documents, bonds, vouchers, lottery tickets, scratchcards, raffle tickets, Air Miles, trade samples or any property insured under any other policy.
- 2. Personal possessions stolen from an opentop or convertible car, unless they are kept in a locked boot or locked glove compartment.
- 3. Loss of or damage to personal possessions carried in or on a trailer.
- 4. Wear, tear, loss of value and loss of use.

# Section 8 Foreign use

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

What we cover

### A. Cover for your car

If you take your car to any country in the territorial limits outside of the British Isles, your policy cover will apply up to the number of days shown as 'Foreign use' in your schedule.

If the length of any visit (or the total length of all visits during the **period of insurance**) is greater than the number of days shown as 'Foreign use' in **your schedule**, **you** must tell **us** before **you** take **your car** abroad. You will have to pay an extra premium to extend **your** cover.

If your certificate of motor insurance allows you to drive any other car, cover for that car is restricted to the **British Isles**.

See also Section I Legal liability to others - D. Cover Abroad

- for details of the minimum cover required by law we provide in
- Any country which is a member of the European Union.
- Any other country which meets the motor insurance Directives of, and is approved by, the European Commission.

# B. Cover for customs duty

If your car is lost or damaged abroad, you may have to pay customs duty for it to be stored or repaired. We will cover this customs duty as long as:

- the loss or damage is covered under your policy; and
- your car is in a country within the territorial limits.

See also 'What you should do if you take your car abroad' on pages 55 - 56.

# Section 9 No claim discount

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

If no incident occurs during the **period of insurance** which results in a claim, **your no claim discount** will increase in line with **our** usual scale.

If an incident occurs during the **period of insurance** which results in a claim, **your no claim discount** will reduce in line with **our** usual scale.

You cannot transfer your no claim discount to anyone else.

# Section 10 No claim discount protection

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

If you have chosen no claim discount protection, we will not reduce your no claim discount unless more than two claims happen over five periods of insurance in a row.

If two or more claims happen in the period stated above:

- we will reduce your no claim discount in line with our usual scale for three or more claims;
- · this section will no longer apply; and
- Section 9 will apply.

# Legal assistance plan – definitions

This section only applies if it is listed in **your schedule**. These definitions take precedence over any individual **policy** definition.

**We, us, our**Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc and anyone we may appoint to act on

our behalf.

**Solicitor** The solicitor or other suitably-qualified person acting for **you**.

**Motor accident** A motor accident which causes accidental loss of or damage to your car

or your property, or accidental bodily injury to you.

**Legal expenses** Legal fees and other expenses your solicitor has reasonably charged you

(with our prior agreement) for any legal proceedings. Also costs which a

civil court has ordered you to pay or which we have agreed to.

**Legal proceedings** Civil proceedings arising out of a motor accident.

**Uninsured losses** Expenses or compensation claims (or both) which are not covered by

your policy but for which you have a claim at law against the responsible

party.

**You, your** The policyholder or other person insured to drive **your car** according

to the schedule and any passenger in your car, as long as any passenger

making a claim has your permission.

**Your car** The car stated in the **schedule**, any replacement vehicle **we** arrange for

you while your car is being repaired after you have claimed under this policy, any other vehicle which your certificate of motor insurance allows you to use in the British Isles, or a trailer if your schedule shows that you have cover for a trailer. The trailer will be covered whether or not it is

attached to your car.

# Section 11 Legal assistance plan Part I – What we cover

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

#### What we cover

In the event that you make a claim under this policy in respect of a motor accident in which you are involved, we will try to recover your uninsured losses (and cover legal expenses to claim those losses) provided we and your solicitor are of the view that it is more likely than not that you will succeed in a claim for those losses.

If we have paid for any legal expenses and you are later awarded repayment of costs in any claim, we will be entitled to reimbursement of those costs.

You have the right to choose a solicitor to act as your representative subject to our agreement regarding charges.

We will appoint the solicitor upon our standard terms of appointment to act in your name and for your benefit

The most we will pay for legal expenses for all claims that arise from the same motor accident is the amount shown in the schedule.

#### What we do not cover

We do not cover the following:

- 1. Any claim if you tell us about the motor accident more than 180 days after it happened.
- 2. Any claim if the motor accident happened before cover under this section started.
- 3. Any legal expenses incurred by you before we agree to appoint a solicitor to act for you.
- 4. Any legal expenses charged as a result of your conduct which may reasonably be considered to hinder your claim.
- 5. Any legal expenses if you withdraw from the legal proceedings without our agreement. We will be entitled to a refund of any money we have paid.
- 6. Any claim arising from damage to your car where such claim is made against you.
- 7. Any expenses for an expert witness, unless we have given written approval.
- 8. Any legal expenses which you can claim under another insurance policy.
- 9. Any claim arising from a malicious act.

#### Important note:

Exceptions which apply to this section continue on the next page.

## What we do not cover

- Any claim for any legal expenses relating to any other person or organisation bringing a claim or counterclaim against you.
- 11. **Legal expenses you** can recover from any other person.

# A. Controlling of claims

We and your solicitor will have control of any claim.

#### You must:

- keep us informed of any developments relating to you or your claim as soon as possible after you find out about them;
- follow our and your solicitor's advice;
- not start, defend, stop or withdraw from legal proceedings without our agreement;
- give us and your solicitor information and instructions as requested.

We may see any information, documents or evidence you or your solicitor has. We will have direct access to your solicitor at all times.

If in any **legal proceedings your** claim is not successful and **you** want to appeal, **you** must write and tell us and **your solicitor** no later than:

- 14 days before the time for making an appeal ends; or
- as soon as possible if the time period during which you may make an appeal is 14 days or less.

We will cover your legal expenses for the appeal if we, and your, solicitor agree that it is more likely than not that your appeal will succeed.

# B. Reasonable prospect of success

We will try to recover your uninsured losses or pay your legal expenses provided we, and your, solicitor are of the view that it is more likely than not that your claim or the legal proceedings will mean you receive money by way of compensation.

If at any time we, or your, solicitor think that your claim or the legal proceedings do not have a reasonable prospect of success, we will confirm this in writing to you. We will tell you that we will not take any more action or pay any more legal expenses, without our written agreement, from 28 days after you receive the notice.

You have a right to continue the claim or legal proceedings but this will be at your own expense.

#### C. Representation

When you have told us about a claim we may:

- investigate the claim; and
- attempt to achieve a fair settlement, using a solicitor if we think it is necessary.

You have the right to choose a solicitor to act as your representative. If you exercise your right to choose a solicitor you must not agree charges without our consent. We will appoint the solicitor upon our standard terms to act in your name and for your benefit.

We, or you, may refer any disagreement about your choice of the solicitor to arbitration under the arbitration condition of this section.

# D. Legal expenses

The amount of **legal expenses we** will pay will be assessed under the same principles as applied by the courts when assessing costs to be paid by one person to another on the standard basis.

- These are defined in England and Wales under Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (from time to time), under Order 38 of the County Courts Act 1984 and under the Civil Procedures Rules 1998.
- If the claim falls under the law of Scotland, the claims for costs and expenses will be restricted to
  amounts allowed in Sheriff Court defended actions under Chapter II (in Ordinary proceedings) or
  under Chapter IV (in Summary Cause proceedings) of the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in
  the Sheriff Court) (Amendment and Further Provisions) 1993.

You or your solicitor must send all accounts for legal expenses to us as soon as possible after you receive them.

We may ask your solicitor to have the legal expenses assessed (detailed or summary), taxed or audited.

The legal expenses that we will pay will not be affected by any agreement, or promise made by you to any solicitor or other person unless we have approved it in writing.

#### E. Settlement offers

You must tell us as soon as possible of any offer to settle the claim (this includes any payment into court).

You or your solicitor must not accept or make any offer to settle the claim if this would mean we have to pay legal expenses, unless you have our agreement. We will not withhold our agreement unreasonably.

If we or your solicitor are of the view that any offer to settle the claim should be accepted, but you do not accept such offer and the amount of the offer is equal to or greater than the total damages which you are eventually awarded, we will not pay for any further legal expenses from the date of the offer.

We may decide to pay your claim for compensation instead of continuing your claim or legal proceedings.

#### G. Conflict of interest

If at any time during the course of the claim, **we** become aware of any possible conflict of interest, **we** will:

- tell you about it in writing; and
- give you the right to choose a solicitor.

#### H. Arbitration

You have the right to refer any disagreement you have with us to arbitration. We also have the same right.

The arbitrator will be a **solicitor** or barrister **we** and **you** agree on. If **we** and **you** cannot agree, the President of a suitable lawyers' organisation will be asked to choose one. Whoever loses the arbitration will pay all the costs and expenses of the arbitration. If the arbitrator decides in **our** favour, **you** cannot recover the costs of the arbitration under this section.

We will write to you telling you of this right if we disagree about anything. You must write and tell us if you want to take up this option.

Using the arbitration procedure does not prevent **you** from referring the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service or the right to appeal against the arbitrator's decision in a court of law.

#### I. Cancellation

You may cancel this section of the **policy** at any time. We will refund the appropriate proportion of **your** premium worked out from either the date **you** contact **us**, or a future date from which **you** would like this section of **your policy** cancelled.

We may cancel this section of the **policy** if we send you a letter giving you 7 days' notice, to your last known address. We will then refund the appropriate proportion of the premium.

# Section 12 Replacement locks

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule.

What we cover

We cover theft of your car key(s).

We will settle the claim by paying to replace the appropriate locks or locking mechanism. What we do not cover

We do not cover accidental loss of your car key(s).

assistance

This section only applies if it is listed in **your schedule**. The cover provided will depend upon the level of Breakdown cover shown in the **schedule**. These definitions take precedence over any individual **policy** definition.

**Assistance service** Provision of emergency assistance, vehicle recovery, emergency

accommodation or car hire, and any other help we may give you.

**Your car** For the purposes of this section, in addition to the **policy** definition of **your** 

car, it includes any caravan or trailer that has been built to be towed by

your car when attached by a 50 millimetre ball coupling.

**Breakdown** The mechanical breakdown, breakage or failure of any part that is essential

for **your car** to move.

**Emergency** We will arrange for a recovery agent to come to the scene of the

breakdown to try to make **your car** roadworthy. If this cannot be done,

the recovery agent will arrange for **your car** to be taken to a repairer.

**Immobilised** Your car cannot be driven, or is regarded as unsafe or unfit to be used on

a public highway, as a result of the breakdown.

# Section 13 Breakdown Part I – Roadside assistance

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule. The cover provided under this part of the section is limited to breakdowns which happen within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

#### What we cover

#### I. Roadside assistance

If your car has a breakdown, we will provide emergency assistance at the scene of the breakdown, for up to one hour, to make it roadworthy.

If your car cannot be made roadworthy at the scene of the breakdown, we will arrange for it, the driver and up to eight passengers to be taken to a repairer of your choice within 10 miles of the scene of the breakdown.

If the breakdown has been caused by your car running out of fuel, we will provide emergency assistance for replacement fuel.

We will provide emergency assistance if your car is immobilised as a result of a flat battery or a flat tyre, or incorrect fuel being accidentally put in your car.

We will provide emergency assistance if you accidentally lock your keys in your car or if your car is immobilised due to loss of, or damage to your keys. When we provide emergency assistance for this service, we will ask you to provide suitable identification.

After a breakdown, if you ask, we will try to get a message to a person of your choice as long as we can contact that person by phone or fax.

#### What we do not cover

- 1. Emergency Assistance at or within one mile of your home address, or where your car is normally kept, except where 'Homecall' also applies.
- 2. The cost of transporting your car to a repairer more than 10 miles from the scene of the breakdown, except where 'Recovery' also applies. We will charge you for mileage that is more than 10 miles.

# Breakdown Part 2 – Recovery

What we cover

### 2. Recovery

If your car cannot be made roadworthy within one hour at the scene of the breakdown, we will arrange for it to be taken to a repairer of your choice, your destination, your home address or where your car is normally kept. We will pay the costs (no more than the cost of a standard-class rail ticket) for one person to collect your car after repairs have been completed.

We will also pay the cost of the following:

- Continuing the journey to your destination or repairer, or returning to your home address or where your car is normally kept, for the driver and up to eight passengers. We will do this by providing:
  - 1. a hire car for up to 24 hours (depending on what is available, the hire car we provide will be of a similar class to your car, with an engine capacity up to 2500cc); or
  - 2. an alternative form of transport of our choice.
- Or, we will pay emergency accommodation for one night for you and up to eight passengers while waiting for the repairs to be completed. This will include bed and breakfast but no other meals or expenses. The maximum amount we will pay is shown under 'Emergency Accommodation' in your schedule.

If you are declared medically unfit to drive your car during the journey and none of the passengers can drive it, we will recover your car, the driver and up to eight passengers to your destination, your home address or where your car is normally kept. You will need to produce some form of medical certificate confirming that you are medically unfit to drive.

#### What we do not cover

- 1. Emergency assistance at or within one mile of your home address, or where your car is normally kept, except where 'Homecall' also applies.
- 2. Any costs for car hire if the hire of a replacement car has been refused by the hirer under the hirer's normal terms and conditions (see Section 13 Breakdown Part 5 - Conditions, D Conditions of car hire).

# Section 13 Breakdown Part 3 – Homecall

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule. The cover provided under this part of the section is limited to breakdowns which happen within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

#### What we cover

#### 3. Homecall

If your car has a breakdown at or within one mile of your home address, or where it is normally kept, we will provide emergency assistance for up to one hour to make your car roadworthy.

If your car cannot be made roadworthy, we will arrange for it to be taken to a repairer of your choice.

#### What we do not cover

1. The cost of transporting your car to a repairer more than 10 miles from the scene of the breakdown, except where 'Recovery' also applies. We will charge you for mileage that is more than 10 miles.

# Section 13 Breakdown Part 4 – European assistance

This section only applies if it is listed in your schedule. The cover provided by this part of this section is limited to incidents which happen in Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (Greek), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Tunisia.

#### What we cover

### 4. European Assistance

If your car is unfit to drive as a result of fire, theft, accidental damage or breakdown, we will provide emergency assistance at the scene for up to one hour to make your car roadworthy.

If your car cannot be made roadworthy at the scene of the immobilising incident, we will arrange for it to be taken to a suitable repairer or your destination. We will pay the costs (no more than the cost of a standard-class ticket) for one person to collect your car after repairs have been completed.

We will also pay for the following:

- Continuing the journey to the destination or to the repairer, for the driver and up to eight passengers. We will do this by providing:
  - I. a hire car (depending on what is available, the hire car we provide will be of a similar class to your car, with an engine capacity up to 2500cc - the maximum amount we will pay is shown under 'European Self-drive hire' in your schedule); or
  - 2. an alternative form of transport of our choice.

#### What we do not cover

1. Any costs for car hire if the hire of a replacement car has been refused by the hirer under the hirer's normal terms and conditions (see Section 13 Breakdown Part 5 - Conditions, D Conditions of car hire).

#### What we cover

Or, we will pay emergency accommodation for one night for you and up to eight passengers while waiting for repairs to be completed. This will include bed and breakfast but no other meals or expenses. The maximum amount we will pay is shown under 'European Emergency Accommodation' in your schedule.

If your car cannot be made roadworthy by the intended date of your return to the United Kingdom, we will pay for the following:

- The cost of transporting your car to your home address or where your car is normally kept. This cost may include storage costs and the cost of transporting and delivering it. The maximum amount we will pay is the current market value of your car in the UK; or
- the cost for one person to travel by public transport to collect your car and drive it direct to your home address or where your car is normally kept. The maximum amount we will pay will be the cost of a standardclass ticket.

If essential replacement parts are not available locally, we will arrange to get the parts from somewhere else. We will pay all the charges involved in delivering the parts to your car.

If you are declared medically unfit to drive your car during the journey and none of the passengers can drive it, we will provide a suitably-qualified driver to drive your car to your destination, your home address or where your car is normally kept. We will try to supply a driver at a time that is convenient to you but we cannot guarantee to provide this service within any specific time scale. You will need to produce some form of medical certificate confirming that you are medically unfit to drive.

If the breakdown has been caused by your car running out of fuel, we will provide emergency assistance for replacement fuel.

#### What we cover

We will provide emergency assistance if your car is immobilised as a result of a flat battery or flat tyre, or incorrect fuel being accidentally put in your car.

We will provide emergency assistance if your car is immobilised due to loss of, or damage to, keys. When we provide emergency assistance for this service, we will ask you to provide suitable identification.

After an **immobilised** incident, if **you** ask, **we** will try to get a message to a person of **your** choice as long as **we** can contact that person by phone or fax.

If your tent is damaged as a result of fire, theft or accidental damage, we will provide a similar tent for the rest of your holiday. The maximum amount we will pay is shown under 'European Tent Hire' in your schedule.

Applicable to all levels of Breakdown cover

# A. Looking after your car

- 1. You must replace any part of your car which is not working properly, including the battery, within 28 days of discovering the fault. If a part is not replaced and a further breakdown of the same or similar cause recurs within 28 days, we reserve the right to refuse assistance or to charge a fee that is the same as the recovery agent's normal call-out charge.
- 2. You must maintain your car in line with the manufacturer's recommendations and only use it in a roadworthy condition.
- 3. You must carry a serviceable spare wheel for your car (including a spare wheel for any caravan or trailer whilst being towed) at all times.
- 4. Your car must be covered by a valid MOT certificate, if applicable.

# B. Requests for emergency assistance

- If you need emergency assistance, you must contact us by phone. We must authorise any emergency assistance, otherwise you will have to pay any costs.
- 2. You must quote the **policy** number when calling for **emergency assistance** so **we** can confirm that cover under this section applies.
- 3. The **driver** or another person covered under the **policy** must be there when the recovery agent is providing **emergency** assistance.

# C. Selecting the appropriate assistance service

 Depending on the incident, we will decide what is the most suitable form of emergency assistance. If you do not accept this decision, we will not pay more than the cost of the emergency assistance we recommend.

#### D. Conditions of car hire

The car must be hired to a person who is covered under the **policy**. He or she will be responsible for collecting and returning the car to the car hirer.

- 1. The car hirer's normal terms and conditions will apply. This may mean that:
  - they may refuse to hire a car to anyone covered under the **policy** who is under 21 or over 70, has held a driving licence for less than one year, or who has certain endorsements on their licence; or

### **D. Conditions of car hire** (continued)

- they may need a deposit for the cost of fuel and to protect the car hirer against the car not being returned.
- 2. The availability of car hire is not guaranteed.
- 3. We cannot guarantee to provide a car with a towbar, child seats or an automatic gearbox, which will take roof bars, a roof rack or a roof box.

## E. Safety of contents

- 1. The **driver** is responsible for the contents of **your car** as long as he or she is covered under the **policy**.
- 2. If your car is recovered, we will decide whether to transport any animal, it is your responsibility to make alternative arrangements for its transportation.

### F. Responsibility for the repairer's acts or neglect

Once **your car** has been taken to a repairer, **we** will not be responsible for any repair work they do while they are following **your** instructions.

# G. Emergency assistance which is no longer needed

After asking for emergency assistance, if you or anyone covered under the policy repairs your car and you do not tell us about this, we may charge a fee that is the same as the recovery agent's normal call-out charge.

#### H. Collecting the car following a repair

You are responsible for collecting your car from the garage after repairs have been completed.

#### I. Cancellation

You may cancel this section of the **policy** at any time. We will refund the appropriate share of your premium that we work out from either the date you contact us or a future date from which you would like this section of your policy cancelled.

We may cancel this section of the **policy** if **we** send **you** a letter, giving **you** seven days' notice, to **your** last known address. **We** will then refund the appropriate share of the premium.

The cover under this section of the **policy** will be cancelled in the event of 5 **breakdowns** occurring within any one **period of insurance**.

#### J. Notice

You must report a **breakdown** as soon as possible by phoning the emergency number provided, even if **you** do not need the assistance straight away.

# Breakdown Part 6 – Exclusions

#### What is not covered

Applicable to all levels of Breakdown cover.

- Any labour charge in addition to those covered under Emergency Assistance, the cost of spare parts and the cost of replacing fuel or your car key(s).
- 2. The cost associated with draining or removing an inappropriate fuel or other fluid having been put in **your car**.
- 3. Damage as a direct result of getting into your car after you have asked for emergency assistance.
- 4. Cover for an incident if you are entitled to claim for the same incident under another policy.
- 5. Any expenses which would have arisen in the normal course of the journey.
- 6. If your car has been partly or completely buried in mud, snow, sand or water, and this is the sole reason for claiming.
- 7. **Breakdown** resulting from poor repair or attempted repair that was carried out during the journey without **our** agreement.
- 8. Any breakdown which is the result of a deliberate act by anyone covered under the policy.
- 9. **Breakdown** resulting from **your car** carrying more passengers, or towing a greater weight, than intended, or driving on unsuitable ground.
- Any liability or any other costs or losses that result directly or indirectly from providing emergency assistance.
- 11. Any extra hire car charges, other than the rental charge, if we provide a hire car.
- 12. Any incident, which results in your car being immobilised, which happened before cover under this section of the policy started.
- 13. Requests for emergency assistance resulting from not being able to get fuel or other supplies essential for your car to move, due to fuel or other supplies being scarce in the country in which you are driving.
- 14. Loss or damage to the contents of your car.

- 15. Any cost you have to pay for sea or river transit unless claimed under the European Assistance section.
- 16. Any costs we have not agreed to pay beforehand.
- 17. Recovering your car if it is considered to be dangerous or illegal to load or transport.
- 18. **Breakdown** due to the failure to replace faulty parts, including the battery, within 28 days of the previous **breakdown** of the same or similar cause.
- 19. More than 5 breakdowns within one period of insurance.
- 20. Any storage charges you may have to pay while your car is being repaired at a garage.

# Conditions which apply to your whole policy

# A. Reporting a claim

You must tell us as soon as possible about any incident or legal proceedings which may lead to a claim.

If there has been a theft or attempted theft, you must also tell the police as soon as possible.

You should initially notify us of your claim by phone. Your initial claim contact number is shown in your policy documentation. If we then decide that we need an Accident or Theft Report form we will send one which you should complete and return as soon as possible.

Ideally when **you** call **you** will provide:

- Name, address and contact phone number(s) (for you and the driver of your car if not you).
   We will ask for information about convictions so please try and have driving license(s) available when you call
- Personal details necessary to confirm **your** identity
- Your policy number
- Information about your car and any damage it sustained
- Details of the accident or claim circumstances (when, where and how it happened)
- · Details of any witnesses and the Police or any other emergency service that was called
- Details of the other party or parties involved including information about damage to their car or
  property and any injuries that anybody might have sustained
- Where appropriate your thoughts on who was to blame for the accident

We may ask you to provide all the details in writing together with any evidence which we may reasonably need.

If you receive a writ, summons or other legal documents or letters, you must send them to us as soon as possible.

You must not answer any letters without our written permission. We will not refuse permission without a good reason.

# B. Assessing your claim

We suggest that soon after receiving your policy you read the section in your policy booklet headed "What you should do if there is an accident or theft". Whilst we hope you never need the information it is better to be prepared for the unexpected.

You must not admit or deny a claim or negotiate or promise to pay a claim without our written permission. We will not refuse permission without a good reason.

#### C. Fraud

We will not pay benefits or arrange assistance if:

- you or any person makes a false claim or deliberately exaggerate your claim;
- you or any person sends us false declarations or statements to support your claim; or
- you or any person sends us any other false or invalid documents to support your claim.

Any fraud may result in your policy being invalid and all benefits forfeited.

# D. Changes in risk

You must tell your insurance consultant immediately if

- if you get an extra car or change your car for another one;
- if there is a change in use of your car (for example, you require business use);

You must tell your insurance consultant as soon as reasonably possible if any other circumstances change, for example:

- if you or any other driver has been convicted of any motoring offence including fixed penalty offences, or has any prosecutions outstanding;
- if you or any other driver has been involved in any accidents, losses or thefts, regardless of whether a claim was made;
- if you or any other driver has been convicted of an offence of fraud or dishonesty (e.g. shop lifting, credit card fraud, tax evasion) or have possible prosecutions outstanding;
- if you or any other driver develops a notifiable health condition or an existing condition worsens.
   A notifiable health condition is one which must be referred to the DVLA (please refer to the DVLA D100 leaflet or <a href="www.direct.gov.uk/motoring">www.direct.gov.uk/motoring</a> for a full list of notifiable conditions) Examples of notifiable conditions are Epilepsy or insulin controlled Diabetes;
- if the main driver of your car changes;
- if the registered keeper or owner of your car changes;
- if the place where your car is usually kept changes;
- if any modifications are made to your car (e.g. any changes which may affect your car's performance).
- if the number of vehicles in your family changes;

If you are not sure whether to report a change, please contact your insurance consultant.

We may re-assess your cover and premium as a result of any important information you give us.

If you do not tell us anything which is relevant:

- your policy may not be valid; and
- we may reject your claim.

#### E. Looking after your car

You and any other driver must do everything reasonably possible to prevent loss or damage and keep your car or any loan car in good condition.

You must allow us to examine your car at all reasonable times.

# F. Cancelling your policy

We may cancel your policy. If we do this, we will write to you at your last known address. In our letter we will confirm that all cover will end 7 days after the date on the letter. In these circumstances you must return your certificate of motor insurance to us.

You can cancel your policy. To do this you must write to us and return your certificate of motor insurance.

If no claim is made or will arise, we will give you a refund on your premium for any remaining period of cover.

If a claim is made or will arise, we will not give you a refund on your premium.

We reserve the right to cancel your policy in the event that there is a default in instalment payments due under any linked loan agreement. If you pay your premium monthly, cover under this policy will end if you do not pay any monthly premium when it is due. In these circumstances you must return your certificate of motor insurance to us. However, we will send a letter to your last known address and give you the opportunity to pay the premium within 7 days.

If you cancel your policy after an event which may lead to a claim, you must pay us the rest of your premium up until the next renewal date.

If your policy is cancelled before the first renewal, any refund of premium may be subject to an administration fee, which accounts for our costs in providing the policy. We will notify you of any administration fee that has been applied.

#### G. Other insurance

If a claim under your policy is also covered by other insurance, we will only pay our share of the claim.

## H. Taking over your rights

If you make a claim, you must be prepared to take any steps we reasonably ask you to take to protect your rights. You must also be prepared to allow us to act in your name and take any reasonable steps we feel are necessary to protect your rights.

This may mean that we defend or settle the claim in your name. If this happens, we will pay any costs and expenses involved.

## I. Cover for car sharing

Your policy allows you or your partner to receive a mileage allowance from your or your partner's employer, or accept payment from passengers in your car as part of a car-sharing agreement, as long as:

- your car has not been built or adapted to carry more than eight passengers and a driver;
- you or your partner are not carrying passengers as part of a business of carrying passengers;
- you or your partner do not make a profit from the total payments you or your partner receive
  for a journey;
- your car is being used for a purpose included on your certificate of motor insurance; and
- the total payments for any mileage allowance you or your partner receive are within the published guidelines of HM Revenue & Customs.

# J. Our right to reclaim payments

We may claim back from you any payment which we make under your policy:

- because of the requirements of any law; and
- which we would not have paid if that law had not existed.

## K. Fraudulent application for insurance

We will not pay benefits or arrange help if:

- any part of your application for this insurance; or
- any further changes **you** ask for under this **policy**; are deliberately or negligently fraudulent.

For example, this could include:

- not telling us about motoring or criminal convictions;
- not telling us about previous accidents or losses, even if a claim was not made;
- not telling us about modifications to your car;
- giving us false information about who is the registered keeper or owner of your car;
- giving us false information about the main user of your car; or
- giving us false information about the true number of vehicles in your family.

This is not a full list.

# Exceptions which apply to your whole policy

# A. Use and driving

We will not cover any claim if your car is being:

- used for a purpose which is not included on your certificate of motor insurance;
- driven by someone or in the care of someone for the purpose of being driven, who is not shown
  as allowed to drive on your certificate of motor insurance;
- driven by someone who does not have a valid licence unless he or she has held one and is not disqualified from getting another one;
- driven by someone who does not meet the conditions of their licence.

This does not apply to claims under Sections 2, 3 or 4 if your car is in the care of:

- a garage or similar motor trade organisation for servicing or repair; or
- · a hotel or restaurant for the purpose of parking.

### B. Liability which results from an agreement

We do not cover any liability which results only from an agreement you have made.

#### C. Radioactive contamination

We do not cover any loss, damage, or liability caused by:

- ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from nuclear fuel or nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel; or
- the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of explosive nuclear equipment or nuclear parts.

#### D. War risks

We do not cover any loss, damage or liability caused by war, riot, revolution or any similar event, except as required under road traffic laws.

#### E. Riot and civil unrest

We do not cover incidents caused by riot or civil unrest outside of England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

This exception does not apply to **Section 1**.

#### F. Sonic bangs

We do not cover damage caused by pressure waves from aircraft and other flying objects travelling at or above the speed of sound.

#### G. Pollution

We do not cover loss or damage caused by pollution or contamination, unless the pollution or contamination is the direct result of a single incident which happens during the **period of insurance**. To qualify for cover, the incident must be sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected.

All pollution caused by one incident will be considered to have happened at the time the incident took place.

This exception does not apply if we must provide cover under road traffic laws.

# H. Rallies, competitions, trials and track use

We will not cover any claim if your car is used:

- in a rally;
- in a competition;
- in a motor trial;
- on a racetrack:
- · on a circuit; or
- on a prepared course.

#### I. Public authorities

We do not cover any loss or damage caused by any government, public or local authority legally removing, keeping or destroying your car.

# What you should do if there is an accident or theft

# What to do immediately after the accident

- 1. People are more important than property, so your first priority should be to check whether anyone is injured and look after them. Call for medical help if necessary.
- If anyone is injured, you must show your Certificate of Motor Insurance to the police or to anyone who has a good reason for seeing it. If you can't do this at the scene, you must report the accident to the police within 24 hours and produce your certificate of motor insurance then.
- 3. If your car or anything in it is stolen, you should report the incident to the police as soon as possible.
- 4. Always stop if you are involved in an accident and exchange:
  - names and addresses (including those of any witnesses);
  - details of insurance companies (including policy numbers if known); and
  - · vehicle registration numbers.
- 5. Do not admit **you** are to blame or offer any payment. It could make it more difficult for **us** to handle **your** claim and may affect **your** rights.
- 6. Draw a diagram of the accident scene. This should include:
  - the position of the cars before and after the accident;
  - the road layout;
  - any obstructions to your or other road users' vision;
  - the position of any witnesses; and
  - anything else which could be relevant to the cause of the accident (for example speeds and distances involved, and weather conditions).
- 7. If **you** receive any letters or documents about the accident, please do not answer them and forward them to **us** as soon as possible.
- 8. Remember that **your** insurance consultant is there to help **you** if **you** need to make a claim. But if the accident or loss happens out of office hours, or **you** need emergency help, call the UK claims helpline.

Your helpline number is on your claims helpcard.

## Notifying a claim

You should initially notify us of your claim by phone if your car is stolen or damaged following an incident which is insured under your policy. Your UK claims helpline number is shown on your claims helpcard. Our team of experts will move into top gear to get you back on the road, or get repairs done as quickly as possible. If we decide that we need an Accident or Theft Report form we will send one which you should complete and return as soon as possible.

Ideally when you call you will provide:

- Name, address and contact phone number(s) for you, and the driver of your car if different. We
  will ask for information about convictions so please have any driving license(s) ready when you
  call
- Personal details necessary to confirm your identity.
- Your policy number.
- Information about your car and any damage it sustained.
- Details of the accident or claim circumstances (when, where and how it happened).
- Details of any witnesses and the Police or any other emergency service that was called.
- Details of the other party or parties involved, including information about damage to their car or property and any injuries that anybody might have sustained.
- Where appropriate, your thoughts on who was to blame for the accident.

We may also request additional information (e.g. a sketch plan). Sometimes we may wish to meet with you or undertake further investigations, but we will advise you about that when you call to report the incident. Claims conditions require you to provide us with any reasonable assistance or evidence that we require.

#### Car repairs

We take pride in the claims service we offer to our customers. Where your policy provides cover for damage to your car we have a network of recommended repairers who will collect and redeliver your car. Where provided for under your policy, they will also provide a loan car to keep you mobile. The repair process will commence immediately your car arrives on their premises. To ensure there is no effect on any existing warranty you may have they provide a lifetime guarantee on all repairs.

Where **you** choose not to use one of **our** recommended repairers **we** will arrange for **your car** to be examined by one of **our** motor engineers to agree the repair cost with **your** nominated repairer. The inspection should happen within 2 working days of **you** providing repair details to **us**.

# If your car is stolen or not fit to drive

If you have comprehensive or third party fire and theft cover, we will arrange for you to have a hire car for up to 48 hours straight after the incident. We will pay for this.

If you have comprehensive cover and your car is at one of our recommended repairers, they will give you a loan car while yours is being repaired. We will pay for this. However, you will not get a loan car if you have third party fire and theft or third party only cover, if your car is stolen and not recovered or if your car is damaged beyond economical repair.

### If your car is damaged but roadworthy

Our recommended repairers have been carefully selected to give you a fast, reliable and professional service. By using them you will also benefit from:

- our authority to start repairs as long as your car is economical to repair;
- collection and return of your car;
- cleaning of your car before it is returned to you; and
- · a lifetime guarantee on all repairs.

We will pay for the above benefits.

If you have comprehensive cover and your car is at one of our recommended repairers, they will give you a loan car while yours is being repaired. We will pay for this. However, you will not get a loan car if you have third party fire and theft or third party only cover, and your car is damaged beyond economical repair.

If you choose any other vehicle repairer, it will not affect your right to claim. However, we may not be able to arrange any of the above benefits or automatically insure any replacement car for you.

## If you have uninsured losses

Even if a claim is covered under your policy, you could still be out of pocket for expenses such as:

- your policy excess;
- the cost of alternative transport; and
- · loss of earnings.

If Section 11 'Legal assistance plan' is listed in your schedule, contact your insurance consultant. They will arrange to send you a claim form. We will make all reasonable efforts on your behalf to get back uninsured losses following an accident which is not your fault.

### If you need legal advice

If you need legal advice, we offer a free legal advice service. You will have to pay for the cost of the call. Our team of qualified legal advisers can give you free, confidential advice on motoring matters. Here are some examples of the help they can give you.

- They can provide legal advice after an accident. For example, if you do not have our Legal
  assistance plan then they can advise you on what to do if you want to make a claim against
  another person. However they will not contact other people, make claims or carry out legal
  proceedings on your behalf you need our Legal assistance plan for that.
- They can provide legal advice on consumer issues which relate to motoring. For example, they can tell **you** about **your** rights if **you** are unhappy with a car which **you** have bought.
- They can provide you with legal advice if you are facing prosecution for driving or parking offences.

This service is confidential, and you can stay anonymous if you want.

To use it, call 01132 982632 and ask to speak to a legal adviser. Please quote code 33885, together with the renewal date on your current certificate of motor insurance.

## If you need someone to talk to

If you need someone to talk to after an accident, we offer a free counselling service. You will have to pay for the cost of the call. This is available for you and members of your immediate family and is for motoring matters only. Our experienced, qualified counsellors can help you when you need it most. Here are some examples of the help they can give you.

- They can help **you** come to terms with trauma after an accident.
- They can help you come to terms with injuries, disability and bereavement.
- They can offer you victim support (for example, if your car is stolen).
- They can even offer counselling for stress which has been caused by motoring.

This service is confidential, and you can stay anonymous if you want.

To use it, call 01132 982632 and ask to speak to a counsellor. Please quote code 33885, together with the renewal date on your current certificate of motor insurance.

# What you should do if you want to take your car abroad

See also **Section 8 Foreign use** on page 24.

# Important guidelines when travelling abroad

Your policy provides free foreign use cover for countries defined in the territorial limits.

The number of days of free foreign cover is shown as 'Foreign Use' under the 'Policy limits' in **your schedule**. If the length of any visit (or the total length of all visits during the period of insurance) is greater than the number of days shown as 'Foreign use' in **your schedule**, **you** must tell **us** before **you** take **your car** abroad. **You** will have to pay an extra premium to extend **your** cover.

We can provide a Green Card as proof of insurance, although this is no longer necessary for a visit to any of the countries defined in the **territorial limits**. For those countries that have recently been approved by the European Commission we would recommend that a Green card is issued. You will need a Green Card to visit countries outside of the **territorial limits**. You will also have to pay an extra premium to extend your policy cover to any additional countries.

Your policy also provides cover during the period of insurance, under Section I Legal liability to others, D. Cover Abroad, while your car is in a country defined by that Section. This will only provide cover for Third Party personal injury and limited Third Party property damage caused by you or any insured driver whilst using or driving your car.

If you have an accident abroad, phone the Euro helpline on your claims helpcard.

Take the following insurance documents when you travel abroad:

- 1. Your Certificate of Motor Insurance.
- 2. The European accident statement.

In addition, check the requirements for using a vehicle in the countries **you** are visiting. These can be obtained from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. (www.fco.gov.uk)

You may also find it helpful to have this **policy** booklet with **you** for the advice and information given on this and the following page.

If you have an accident abroad, follow the procedure below.

- Immediately report the accident to the police if anybody involved in the incident is injured or if
  there is a disagreement with the other driver. Get details of the police team that attended the
  scene or who the accident was reported to.
- Give your name and address, and our name and address to the other party and produce your Certificate of Motor Insurance.

- 3. Get the name and address of the other driver, details of their motor insurer (including policy number) and information about the registration and ownership of the other vehicles involved.
- 4. Call **our** Euro Claims Helpline on **your** helpcard as soon as possible, particularly if anybody is injured.
- 5. Never make any statement or sign any document (other than the European accident statement) without the advice of a lawyer or competent official. Do not sign the European accident statement, particularly if written in a foreign language, before **you** are certain that **you** understand and agree with every word.
- 6. If you have a camera, take photographs showing the layout of the scene and positions of the vehicles from various angles.
- 7. Use **your** European accident statement (the various linguistic editions of this form are identical throughout Europe) and be sure to get the following details:
  - The make, registration number and colour of the other vehicle and whether it is right or lefthand drive. If the Third party vehicle is a lorry obtain the number of both the cab and trailer units. In some countries these have different registration numbers
  - The full names, addresses and occupations of independent witnesses.
  - The date, time and exact place of the accident.
  - The speeds of your own and the other vehicle.
  - Signals given by you and the other driver.
  - Weather and road conditions.
  - Names and addresses of people injured and details of those injuries.
  - Details of damage to your own and other vehicles.

If you do not have a European accident statement, collect the following information:

- 1. Date, time and place of the accident.
- 2. Other vehicle's details.
- 3. Registration number.
- 4. Country of registration.
- 5. Policy number of the insurance.
- 6. Green card number.
- 7. Name and address of the insurer.
- 8. Surname, first name and address of the driver.
- 9. Accident circumstances including details of damage to vehicles and injuries to any people involved.
- 10. Sketch the scene and the position of the vehicles (include road markings where possible).

# How to use your claims helplines

# What your RSA helpcard can do for you

We aim to provide a high-quality service to our policyholders. The claims helplines on your claims helpcard are part of this quality service and are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The phone call will cost you nothing, but you may have to pay for any service you decide to use if the claim is not covered by your policy.

### Swift help from our assistance services

Whether or not your car can be driven, we will be on hand to help.

If the incident is covered under your policy, our assistance services will aim to be with you within one hour of you phoning our UK claims helpline. They will take you and your passengers home or to your destination within the UK.

Your car will be taken to one of our recommended repairers.

You only need to make one call. Your details will be fed through to our claims team, who will send you a claim form. Just fill in the form and sign it. We will do the rest.

#### **RSA** repairer network

Our UK claims helpline will give you details of our nearest recommended repairer.

# Audio and communication equipment

If you have comprehensive or third party fire and theft cover, our UK claims helpline will put you in touch with our recommended stereo replacement company.

#### Hotel accommodation

If you have comprehensive cover, our UK claims helpline can help you arrange emergency overnight accommodation if you cannot continue your journey. Simply pay for the accommodation yourself and we will give you a refund when you claim. (See your policy schedule for the maximum amounts we will pay.)

#### Glass replacement

If you have comprehensive cover, our glass helpline will send you to one of our recommended windscreen companies. Simply pay the excess for a replacement windscreen – they will do the rest. If your windscreen is laminated, it may be possible to repair it.

# European assistance

If you are involved in an incident abroad, our Euro helpline can help 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They will work with you to find the most appropriate course of action to get your claim settled as quickly as possible and to get you home or to your destination.

# Complaints procedure

Our commitment to customer service.

At RSA, we are committed to going the extra mile for our customers and wherever possible, exceeding their expectations.

If you believe that **we** have not delivered the service **you** expected or **you** are concerned about any aspect of the service **we** have provided, then please let **us** know. Preferably through **your** usual sales and service contact point.

If **you** are unsure how to contact **your** sales and service point please contact **our** Customer Relations Team. Details of which follow.

## We promise to:

- Fully investigate your complaint
- Keep you informed of progress
- Do everything possible to resolve your complaint
- Learn from our mistakes
- Use the information from your complaint to proactively improve our service in the future.

We aim to resolve your concerns within 24 hours. Experience tells us that most difficulties can be sorted within this time.

In the unlikely event that **your** concerns have not been resolved within this time, **we** will issue a letter acknowledging **your** complaint, letting **you** know the reasons why and **we** will continue to keep **you** well informed of the further actions **we** will be taking to reach a suitable conclusion.

If you continue to be unhappy with our proposed course of action, you can progress your complaint with our Customer Relations Team who will conduct a separate investigation and full review, that will be concluded by us issuing a final response letter.

#### How to contact us

Customer Relations can be contacted by:

Telephone: 0800 107 6160

Write: Customer Relations Office

**RSA** 

Bowling Mill

Dean Clough Industrial Park

Halifax

HX3 5WA

Fax: 01422 325146

Email: crt.halifax@uk.rsagroup.com

### If you are still not happy

If you are still not satisfied after the review, or you have not received a written offer of resolution within 8 weeks of the date we received your complaint, '.....Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc is regulated by the Financial Services Authority whose arbitration service is the Financial Ombudsman Service and you can refer your complaint to them.

They can be contacted at: Financial Ombudsman Service South Quay Plaza 183 Marsh Wall London F14 9SR

Telephone: 0845 080 1800

Email: enquiries@financial-ombudsman.org.uk Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

You must approach the Financial Ombudsman Service within 6 months of our final response to your complaint. We will remind you of the time limits in our final response.

Your rights as a customer to take legal action remain unaffected by the existence or use of any complaints procedures referred to above. However, the Financial Ombudsman Service will not adjudicate on any cases where litigation has commenced.

## Thank you for your feedback

We value your feedback and at the heart of our brand we remain dedicated to treating our customers as individuals and giving them the best possible service at all times. If we have fallen short of this promise, we apologise and aim to do everything possible to put things right.

In the event of an accident, theft or, if applicable, breakdown, contact your usual Insurance Consultant or call:

UK Claims Helpline: 0800 096 4567

EU Claims Helpline: +44 870 010 4567

UK Glass Helpline: (UK ONLY) IF COVERED: 0800 096 3456

UK Breakdown Helpline: 0800 096 4567
EU Breakdown Helpline: +44 870 010 4567

For your protection, telephone calls may be recorded and monitored. Please contact your Insurance Consultant or RSA with any other queries regarding your policy.

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