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## **Motor Legal Expenses**

Churchill van insurance is arranged and administered by Brightside Insurance Services Ltd. This Motor Legal Expenses cover policy will run concurrently with your Churchill van insurance policy for a maximum of 12 months. If you arranged this policy after the start date of your van insurance policy cover will be provided from the date you bought it and will end on the expiry date of your motor insurance policy as detailed on your policy schedule.

## **Motor Legal Expenses Provides:-**

- 24/7 Legal Advice
- · Insurance for legal costs for certain types of disputes

### **Helpline Services**

#### Legal Helpline

**You** can use the helpline service to discuss any legal problem concerning a matter covered under this policy, occurring within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and arising during the period of this policy.

Simply telephone 0333 999 3556 and quote "Brightside Motor Legal Expenses".

# **Policy Wording Terms Of Cover**

This insurance is managed and provided by Arc Legal Assistance Limited. It is underwritten by the **Insurer**, on whose behalf **We** act.

If a claim is accepted under this insurance, **We** will appoint **Our** panel solicitors, or their agents, to handle **Your** case. **You** are not covered for any other legal representatives' fees unless it is necessary to start court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arises. Where it is necessary to start court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arises and **You** want to use a legal representative of **Your** own choice, **Advisers' Costs** payable by **Us** are limited to no more than (a) **Our Standard Advisers' Costs**; or (b) the amount recoverable under the Civil Procedure Fixed Recoverable Costs regime, whichever is the lower amount.

The insurance covers **Advisers Costs** as detailed under the separate sections of cover, up to the **Maximum Amount Payable** where:-

- The Insured Event takes place in the Period of Insurance and within the Territorial Limits
- b) The **Legal Action** takes place within the **Territorial Limits**.

This insurance does not provide cover where something **You** do or fail to do prejudices **Your** position or the position of the **Insurer** in connection with the **Legal Action**.

## **Important Conditions**

If **Your** claim is covered under a section of this policy and no exclusions apply then it is vital that **You** comply with the conditions of this policy in order for **Your** claim to proceed. The conditions applicable to this section are contained under the 'Conditions' section below and should be read carefully. Some of the main conditions to this insurance are that:

## **Prospects of Success**

There must be a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. A positive outcome includes, but is not limited to, recovering the amount of money at stake, enforcing a judgment or

achieving an outcome which best serves **Your** interests. The assessment of **Your** claim and the prospects of its success will be carried out by an independent **Adviser**. If the **Adviser** determines that there is not a 51% or greater chance of success, then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

### **Proportional Costs**

An estimate of the **Advisers' Costs** to deal with **Your** claim must not be more than the amount of money in dispute. The estimate of the **Advisers' Costs** will be provided with the assessment of **Your** case and will be carried out by the independent **Adviser**. If the estimate exceeds the amount in dispute then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

## Giving the Insurer all the important information

When the **Insurer** accepts **Your** application for this insurance, it relies on the information **You** give. **You** must take reasonable care to give full answers to the questions asked when **You** take out, or make changes to, **Your** policy. If the information provided by **You** is not complete and accurate, **Your** cover may be affected and:

- the Insurer might cancel Your policy and refuse to pay any claim or
- the Insurer might not pay any claim in full.

We will write to You if the Insurer:

- intends to cancel Your policy; or
- needs to amend the terms of Your policy; or needs You to pay more for Your insurance.

If You become aware that information You have given is incomplete or inaccurate, You must tell Us.

## **Definitions**

Where the following words appear in bold they have these special meanings.

Adviser	<b>Our</b> specialist panel solicitors or their agents appointed by <b>Us</b> to act for <b>You</b> , or, where agreed by <b>Us</b> , another legal representative nominated by <b>You</b> .
Advisers' Costs	Reasonable legal costs incurred by the <b>Adviser</b> . Third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against <b>You</b> .
Conditional Fee Agreement	An agreement between <b>You</b> and the <b>Adviser</b> or between <b>Us</b> and the <b>Adviser</b> which sets out the terms under which the <b>Adviser</b> will charge <b>You</b> or <b>Us</b> for their own fees.
Conflict of Interest	Situations where <b>We</b> administer and/or arrange legal expenses insurance on behalf of any other party in the dispute which is the subject of a claim under this insurance.
Data Protection Legislation	The relevant <b>Data Protection Legislation</b> in force within the <b>Territorial Limits</b> where this cover applies at the time of the <b>Insured Event</b> .
Insured Event	The incident or the start of a transaction or series of incidents which may lead to a claim or claims being made under the terms of this insurance.
Insurer	AmTrust Specialty Limited.
Legal Action(s)	<ul> <li>a) The pursuit or defence of civil proceedings and appeals against judgement following a Road Traffic Accident;</li> <li>b) The pursuit or defence and appeals against judgement in relation to a contractual dispute to do with the Vehicle;</li> <li>c) The defence of criminal motoring prosecutions in relation to the Vehicle;</li> </ul>
Legal Helpline	The service provided by <b>Our</b> panel solicitors on <b>Our</b> behalf which enables <b>You</b> to obtain advice on any matter which may give rise to a claim under this insurance.
Maximum Amount Payable	The maximum payable in respect of an <b>Insured Event</b> is £100,000.

For the purposes of the **Maximum Amount Payable**, only one **Insured Event** will be regarded as having arisen from all causes or by actions, incidents or events

which are related by cause or time.

Period of Insurance The Period of Insurance declared to and accepted by Us, which runs concurrently

with the period of the underlying insurance policy to which this legal expenses insurance attaches. For the avoidance of doubt, if the underlying insurance policy is cancelled, suspended or withdrawn, this legal expenses insurance will also be

cancelled, suspended or withdrawn.

Road Traffic Accident A traffic accident in the Territorial Limits involving the Vehicle occurring during

the **Period of Insurance** for which **You** are not at fault and for which another

The United Kingdom, the European Union, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

known insured party is at fault.

Standard Advisers' Costs The level of Advisers' Costs that would normally be incurred by the Insurer in

using a nominated Adviser of Our choice.

Territorial Limits Uninsured

Loss Recovery &Personal Injury:

All other sections of cover: The United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

**Vehicle** The motor vehicle declared in the insurance schedule to which this cover attaches.

This is extended to include a caravan or trailer whilst attached to the Vehicle.

We/Us/Our Arc Legal Assistance Limited.

You/Your /Yourself The person(s) named in the insurance schedule to which this cover attaches. This

is extended to include an authorised driver or passengers forthe Uninsured Loss

Recovery and Personal Injury sections of cover.

## Cover

## **Personal Injury**

#### What is insured

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to pursue damages claims arising from a Road Traffic Accident whilst You are in, boarding or alighting the Vehicle against those whose negligence has caused Your injury or death.

If the **Legal Action** is going to be decided by a court in England or Wales and the damages **You** are claiming are above the small claims track limit, the **Adviser** must enter into a **Conditional Fee Agreement** which waives their own fees if **You** fail to recover the damages that **You** are claiming in the **Legal Action** in full or in part.

#### What is not insured:-Claims

- a) Relating to an agreement You have entered into with another person or organisation.
- b) For stress, psychological or emotional injury unless it arises from **You** suffering physical injury

## **Uninsured Loss Recovery**

#### What is insured

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to pursue damages claims arising from a Road Traffic Accident against those whose negligence has caused You to suffer loss of Your insurance policy excess or other out of pocket expenses.

If the **Legal Action** is going to be decided by a court in England or Wales and the damages **You** are claiming are above the small claims court limit, the **Adviser** must enter into

a **Conditional Fee Agreement** which waives their own fees if **You** fail to recover the damages that **You** are claiming in the **Legal Action** in full or in part. If the damages **You** are claiming are below the small claims track limit **Advisers' Costs** will be covered subject to the conditions applicable to this insurance.

#### What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Relating to an agreement You have entered into with another person or organisation.
- b) For Applications for payment to the Motor Insurers Bureau under the Untraced Driver's Agreement, or Uninsured Driver's Agreement or any future agreements funded by the Motor Insurers Bureau.

### **Motor Prosecution Defence**

#### What is insured

**Advisers' Costs** to defend a **Legal Action** in respect of a motoring offence, arising from **Your** use of the **Vehicle**. Pleas in mitigation are covered where there is a 51% or greater prospect of such a plea materially affecting the likely outcome.

#### What is not insured:-

#### **Claims**

 a) For alleged road traffic offences where You did not hold or were disqualified from holding a licence to drive or are being prosecuted for driving or being in control of the Vehicle

whilst under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, or prescription medication where **You** have been advised by a medical professional not to drive.

- b) For Advisers' Costs where You are entitled to a grant of legal aid from the body responsible for its administration, or where funding is available from another public body, a trade union, employer or any other insurance policy
- c) For parking offences for which You do not get penalty points on Your licence
- d) For motoring prosecutions where Your motor insurers have agreed to provide Your legal defence

### **Motor Contract**

#### What is insured

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to pursue or defend a Legal Action relating to a dispute over a contract for the sale or purchase of goods or services relating to the Vehicle including the Vehicle itself, provided Advisers' Costs do not exceed the amount claimed

#### What is not insured:-

Claims where the contract was entered into before **You** first purchased this insurance or purchased similar insurance which expired immediately before this insurance began.

## **General Exclusions**

#### 1. There is no cover:-

- a) Where the Insured Event occurred before You purchased this insurance
- b) Where **You** fail to give proper instructions to **Us** or the **Adviser** or fail to respond to a request for information or attendance by the **Adviser**
- c) Where Advisers' Costs have not been agreed in advance or exceed those for which We have given Our prior written approval
- d) For Advisers' Costs incurred in avoidable correspondence or which are recoverable from a court, tribunal or other party
- e) To defend Legal Actions arising from anything You did deliberately or recklessly
- f) For claims made by or against the Insurer, Us or the Adviser
- g) Where an estimate of Your Advisers' Costs is greater than the amount in dispute.
- h) Where Your motor insurers repudiate the motor insurance policy or refuse indemnity

- i) For any claim arising from racing, rallies, competitions or trials
- j) For an application for Judicial Review
- k) For appeals without **Our** prior written consent
- For any Legal Action that We reasonably believe to be false, fraudulent, exaggerated or where You have made misrepresentations to the Adviser
- m) Where at the time of the Insured Event You:
- i) were disqualified from driving
- ii) did not hold a licence to drive
- iii) did not have a valid MOT certificate for the Vehicle
- iv) did not procure valid vehicle tax
- v) failed to comply with any laws relating to the Vehicle's ownership or use
- n) For disputes between the Adviser and any other party which is only over the level of Advisers' Costs.
- o) For Your solicitors own costs where Your claim is being pursued under a Conditional Fee Agreement

#### 2. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a party to this contract has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available other than by virtue of this Act.

#### 3. Sanction Limitation and Exclusion Clause

The **Insurer** will not cover or be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit under this insurance if doing so would expose it to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

#### 4. Cyber Attack Exclusion

The **Insurer** will not pay for any loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to, or arising from, the use or operation, as a means for inflicting harm, of any computer, computer system, computer software programme malicious code, Computer Virus or process or any other electronic system. This exclusion applies unless cover for Costs is specifically allowed for in the Sections of Cover above.

## **Conditions**

#### 1. Claims

- a) You must notify Us as soon as possible and within a maximum of 180 days once You become aware of the Insured Event. There will be no cover under this policy if, as a result of a delay in reporting the claim Our position has been prejudiced. To report a claim You must follow the instructions under "How to make a claim" below.
- b) We shall appoint the Adviser to act on Your behalf.
- c) We may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the Legal Action in Your name. Subject to Your consent which must not be unreasonably withheld, We may reach a settlement of the Legal Action.
- d) You must supply at Your own expense all of the information which We reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. If court proceedings are issued or a Conflict of Interest arises, and You wish to nominate a legal representative to act for You, You may do so. Where You have elected to use a legal representative of Your own choice You will be responsible for any Advisers' Costs in excess of Our Standard Advisers' Costs. The Adviser must represent You in accordance with Our standard conditions of appointment which are available on request.
- e) The Adviser must:-
  - Provide a detailed view of Your prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgement obtained without charge.
  - ii) Keep **Us** fully advised of all developments and provide such information as **We** may require.
  - iii) Keep Us regularly advised of Advisers' Costs incurred.
  - iv) Advise **Us** of any offers to settle and payments in to court. If against **Our** advice such offers or payments are not accepted there shall be no further cover for **Advisers' Costs** unless **We** agree in **Our** absolute discretion to allow the case to proceed.
  - v) Submit bills for assessment or certification by the appropriate body if requested by Us.
  - vi) Attempt recovery of costs from third parties.
  - vii) Agree with Us not to submit a bill for Advisers' Costs to the Insurer until conclusion of the Legal Action.
- f) In the event of a dispute arising as to costs **We** may require **You** to change **Adviser**.
- g) The **Insurer** shall only be liable for costs for work expressly authorised by **Us** in writing and undertaken while there are prospects of success.
- h) You shall supply all information requested by the Adviser and Us.
- i) You are responsible for any Advisers' Costs if You withdraw from the Legal Action without Our prior consent. Any costs already paid by Us must be reimbursed by You.
- j) You must instruct the Adviser to provide Us with all information that We ask for and report to Us as We direct at their own cost.

#### 2. Prospects of Success

At any time **We** may, but only when supported by independent legal advice, form the view that **You** do not have a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, **We** may decline support or any further support. Examples of a positive outcome are:

- a) Being able to recover the amount of money at stake
- b) Being able to enforce a judgement
- c) Being able to achieve an outcome which best serves Your interests

#### 3. Proportionality

We will only pay Advisers' Costs that are proportionate to the amount of damages that You are claiming in the Legal Action. Advisers' Costs in excess of the amount of damages that You are able to claim from Your opponent will not be covered.

#### 4. Disputes

If a complaint cannot be dealt with by the Financial Ombudsman Service (see 'How to Make a Claim'), any dispute between **You** and **Us** may, where we both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who will be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration will be binding and carried out under the Arbitration Act. The costs of the arbitration will be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

#### 5. Fraud

In the event of fraud. We:

- a) Will not be liable to pay the fraudulent claim
- b) May recover any sums paid to You in respect of the fraudulent claim
- c) May cancel this policy with effect from the fraudulent act and keep all premiums paid to Us
- d) Will no longer be liable to You in any regard after the fraudulent act.

#### 6. Other Insurances

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another legal expenses policy, or would have been covered if this policy did not exist, **We** will only pay **Our** share of the claim even if the other insurer refuses the claim.

#### 7. Cancellation

If **You** decide that for any reason, this policy does not meet **Your** insurance needs, **You** have the right to cancel it at any time by contacting Churchill van insurance on 0333 222 1042 or writing to: Churchill van insurance, Brightside Park, Severn View, Aust, Bristol BS35 4BL.

If the policy is cancelled for any reason within the first fourteen days from the day of purchase or the day on which **You** receive **Your** policy documentation, whichever is the later (the 'cooling off period'), **You** will be entitled to a full refund of the premium as long as **You** have not made a claim and do not intend to make a claim on the policy.

If the premium is cancelled after the fourteen day cooling off period, then no refund of premium will be payable.

**We** may cancel the insurance by giving fourteen days' notice in writing to **You** at the address shown on the schedule, or alternative address provided by **You**. No refund of premium shall be made. **We** will only invoke this right in exceptional circumstances as a result of **You** behaving inappropriately, for example:

- a) Where We have a reasonable suspicion of fraud
- You use threatening or abusive behaviour or language or intimidation or bullying of Our staff or suppliers
- c) Where it is found that **You**, deliberately or recklessly, disclosed false information or failed to disclose important information

#### 8. English Law and Language

This contract is governed by English Law and the language for contractual terms and communication will be English.

#### 9. Change in Law

Cover under this policy is based on laws and regulations in force at the time that it was written. If **We** believe that any subsequent change in law or regulations results in the scope of cover being either restricted or broadened, **We** reserve the right to accept claims where the change restricts the cover under this policy and reject claims where the change provides a benefit which did not previously exist.

# Customer Services Information How To Make A Claim

#### For Uninsured Loss Recovery & Personal Injury

You should contact Churchill van insurance claims line on 0800 051 0085 to report a claim under the motor insurance policy. Churchill will send details of Your claim to the Adviser who will contact You to discuss any uninsured loss or personal injury claims or any assistance You require in relation to a hire car or Vehicle repairs.

#### For all other sections of cover

You should telephone 0333 999 3556 and quote "Churchill van insurance Motor Legal Expenses" to obtain advice and request a claim form. Alternatively, You can submit a claim form online by visiting <a href="https://www.arclegal.co.uk/informationcentre">www.arclegal.co.uk/informationcentre</a>. Upon return of a completed claim form We will assess the claim and if covered, send details to the Adviser who will then contact You directly.

In general terms, **You** are required to immediately notify **Us** of any potential claim or circumstances which may give rise to a claim. If **You** are in doubt whether a matter constitutes anotifiable claim or circumstance, contact the **Legal Helpline**.

#### **Privacy and Data Protection Notice**

(For the purpose of this Privacy and Data Protection Notice only, 'We' means Arc Legal Assistance and the Insurer)

#### **Data Protection**

**We** will keep **your** personal information safe and private. There are laws that protect **Your** privacy and **We** follow them carefully. Under the laws, **We** are the company responsible for handling **Your** information (Data Controller). Here is a simple explanation of how **We** use **Your** personal information. For more information visit AmTrust's website at <a href="https://amtrustinternational.com/dpn">https://amtrustinternational.com/dpn</a> or Arc's website at www.arclegal.co.uk

#### What we do with your personal information

We might need to use the information We have about You for different reasons.

For example, We might need it:

- to run through **Our** computerised system to decide if **We** can offer **You** this insurance.
- to help You if You have any queries or want to make a claim.
- to provide You with information, products or services if You ask Us to.
- for research or statistics.

#### We will need it:

- to provide this insurance.
- to contact You to ask if You want to renew it.
- to protect both You and Us against fraud and money laundering.
- to comply with the law and any regulations that apply.

There are some types of personal information that are extremely private/ sensitive and important such as information about **Your** health or any criminal convictions **You** might have. **We** might need this kind of information to decide if **We** can offer **You** this insurance or to help **You** with a claim. **We** will only use this information for these specific reasons and in line with regulatory conditions.

**We** might need to share **Your** information with other companies or people who provide a service to **Us**, or to **You** on **Our** behalf. They include companies that are part of **Our** group, people **We** work with, insurance brokers, **Our** agents, reinsurers, credit agencies, medical professionals, insurance reference bureaus, fraud detection agencies, regulatory authorities and anyone else **We** might need to share it with by law. **We** will only share **Your** information with them if **We** need to and if it is allowed by law.

Sometimes **We** might need to send **your** information to another country outside of the UK and the EEA (European Economic Area) so that it can be processed, (stored etc). We currently send it to the USA and Israel. **We** make sure that **Your** information is always kept safely and treated in line with the law and this notice.

You can tell Us if You do not want Us to use Your information for marketing. You can also ask us to provide You with the information We have about You and, if there are any mistakes or updates, You can ask Us to correct them. You can also ask Us to delete Your information (although there are somethings We cannot delete). You can also ask Us to give Your information to someone else involved in Your insurance. If You think We did something wrong with Your information, You can complain to the local data protection authority.

**We** will not keep **Your** information longer than **We** need to. **We** will usually keep it for 10 years after **Your** insurance ends unless **We** have to keep it longer for other business or regulatory reasons

If You have any questions about how We use Your information, You can contact Our Data Protection Officer.

#### **Customer Service**

We aim to get it right, first time, every time. If We make a mistake, We will try to put it right promptly.

If **You** are unhappy with the service that has been provided, **You** should contact **Us** at the address below. **We** will always confirm to **You**, within five working days, that **We** have received **Your** complaint. Within four weeks **You** will receive either a final response or an explanation of why the complaint is not yet resolved plus an indication of when a final response will be provided. Within eight weeks of **Us** receiving **Your** complaint, **You** will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when a final response will be provided. At this point, if **You** are not satisfied with the delay, **You** may refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service. **You** can also refer to the Financial Ombudsman Service if **You** are not happy with **Our** final response or before **We** have investigated the complaint if both parties agree.

Our contact details are: Arc Legal Assistance Ltd P O Box 8921 Colchester CO4 5YD Tel 01206 615000

Email: customerservice@arclegal.co.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service contact details are: Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR Tel 08000 234 567

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

#### Compensation

**We** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If **We** fail to carry out **Our** responsibilities under this policy, **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Information about the scheme is available at www.fscs.org.uk or by phone on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100

#### **Authorisation**

Arc Legal Assistance Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Arc Legal's Firm Reference Number is 305958. This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/register">www.fca.org.uk/register</a> or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

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