

ALPS Complete Legal Expenses Policy Wording

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What does ALPS Complete Legal Expenses provide?

Insurance cover for legal costs for certain types of disputes.

Motor Claims Helpline: 01260 241000

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TERMS OF COVER

This insurance is managed and provided by Auto Legal Protection Services Limited ("ALPS"). It is underwritten by AmTrust Specialty Limited, 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. If 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, **you** will be responsible for any **advisers' costs** in excess of **our standard advisers' costs**.

The insurance covers advisors' costs as detailed under the separate sections of cover, up to the maximum amount payable if:

- a) The insured incident takes place in the insured period and within the territorial limits; and
- b) The legal action takes place within the territorial limits.

This insurance does not provide cover if:

- something you do or
- something you do not do

prejudices your position or the position of the underwriters in connection with the legal action.

DEFINITIONS

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

Adviser

Our specialist panel solicitors or their agents appointed by us to act for you, or, if agreed by us, another legal representative nominated by you.

Advisers' Costs

Reasonable legal costs incurred by the adviser. Third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against you.

Conflict of Interest

There is a **conflict of interest** if **we** 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 data protection legislation in force within the territorial limits if this cover applies at the time of the insured incident.

Hire Period

The maximum period that we will pay for the hire vehicle shall be 14 days.

Hire Vehicle

A small hatchback or small van class of vehicle as detailed on your policy schedule.

Hire Vehicle Company

A company nominated by us to provide a **hire vehicle** to the specification as detailed in **you**r policy schedule.

Insured Incident

The incident or the first of a series of incidents which may lead to a claim under this insurance. Only one **insured incident** shall be deemed to have arisen from all causes of action, incidents or events that are related by cause or by time. In relation to the **'hire vehicle'** cover an **insured incident** is a **road traffic accident** (excluding if due to glass damage only), fire or un-recovered theft of the **vehicle**.

Insured Period

The period of insurance shown in the insurance schedule to which this cover attaches.

Legal Action

- The pursuit of civil proceedings and appeals against judgement following a road traffic accident.
- The defence of criminal motoring prosecutions in relation to the vehicle.
- The pursuit or defence and appeals against judgement in relation to a contractual dispute to do with the vehicle.
- The defence of civil legal cases and criminal judgement in relation to vehicle cloning.
- The pursuit of illegal clamping and towing fees.

Maximum Amount Pavable

The maximum amount payable in respect of an insured incident is £100,000.

Road Traffic Accident

A collision in the territorial limits:

- involving the **vehicle** and at least one other vehicle.
- · which happens during the insured period,
- for which you are not at fault, and
- for which another known insured party is at fault.

Standard Advisers' Costs

The level of advisers' costs that would normally be incurred by underwriters in using a nominated adviser of our choice.

Territorial Limits

Uninsured Loss Recovery & Personal Injury: The United Kingdom and the European Union. All other sections of cover: The United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Underwriters

AmTrust Specialty Limited

Unroadworthy

The vehicle is not roadworthy (excluding glass damage) or is off the road being repaired as a result of a road traffic collision, fire or theft.

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 **insured vehicle**.

We/Us/Our

Auto Legal Protection Services Limited (ALPS).

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 for the Uninsured Loss Recovery and Personal Injury section of cover.

COVER

Uninsured Loss Recovery & Personal Injury

What is Covered

You are covered for advisers' costs to pursue damages claims arising from a road traffic accident:

- Whilst you are in, getting into or getting out of the vehicle against those whose negligence has caused your injury or death;
- b) Against those whose negligence has caused **you** to suffer loss of **your** insurance policy excess or other out of pocket expenses.

What is not Covered

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.

Motor Prosecution Defence

What is Covered

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 if there is a more than 50% prospect of such a plea materially affecting the likely outcome.

What is not Covered

Claims:

- a) For alleged road traffic offences if **you** did not hold or were disqualified from holding a licence to drive or are being prosecuted for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol, non-prescribed drugs or prescription medication if **you** have been advised by a medical professional not to drive.
- b) For **advisers' costs** if **you** are entitled to a grant of legal aid from the body responsible for its administration, or if 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 if your motor insurers have agreed to provide your legal defence.

Motor Contract

What is Covered

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 are not more than the amount claimed.

What is not Covered

Claims if the contract was entered into before **you** first bought this insurance or bought similar insurance which ended immediately before this insurance began.

Vehicle Cloning

What is Covered

You are covered for advisers' costs to defend a legal action arising from use of the vehicle's identity by another person or organisation without your permission.

What is not Covered

Claims:

- a) If the **vehicle's** identity has been copied by somebody living with **you**.
- b) If you did not take action to prevent yourself from further instances of vehicle cloning following an insured incident.
- For any losses (other than advisers' costs) incurred by you as a result of your vehicle's identity being copied without your permission.

Illegal Clamping and Towing

What is Covered

Advisers' costs to pursue the recovery of illegal clamping or towing fees related to the vehicle.

What is not Covered

Claims:

- a) If the clamping or towing of the **vehicle** has been carried out with lawful authority.
- b) For the defence or payment of any costs relating to damage inflicted by you upon the clamping device.
- For any losses (other than advisers' costs) incurred by you as a result of the illegal clamping or towing of your vehicle.

Hire Vehicle

What is Covered

We will pay to provide you with a hire vehicle, up to the specified hire period, subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of this policy, arising from an insured incident within the territorial limits if you notify us of the insured incident during the insured period and within 5 working days.

If, due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot arrange a hire vehicle for you we may, at our discretion, reimburse transportation costs up to the rate we would pay for the rental each day for the hire period.

If the **vehicle** is damaged and rendered **unroadworthy** by an **insured incident** which occurs within the **territorial limits**, **we** will arrange for a **hire vehicle** until the **vehicle** is repaired or in the case if **your vehicle** is declared a total loss by **a** motor insurer, until 3 days following payment having been issued to **you** in settlement of **your** motor insurance claim whichever is the earlier and not exceeding the **hire period**.

What is not Covered

Claims for:

- a) Drivers under 21 years of age or over 74 years of age.
- b) Any vehicle used in any way for hire or reward including courier work.
- c) Any charges imposed by the hire vehicle company for additional drivers to be included.
- d) Any charges incurred before our written approval or beyond those for which we have given our approval.
- e) Any claim made within the first 14 days of the insured period when the policy originally incepted.
- f) Any excess that the hire vehicle company applies following an accident, fire or theft involving the hire vehicle.
- g) All fuel, fares and fines relating to the hire vehicle whilst it is in your possession, including any administration fee which may be imposed by the hire vehicle company.
- Any claim which has not been reported to us within five working days of the insured incident giving rise to the claim occurring.
- i) Any provision of a hire vehicle if a hire vehicle is already available under any other insurance or other means.
- j) Any further hire vehicle charges incurred after the hire period has expired or the vehicle has been repaired.
- k) Any further hire vehicle charges incurred 3 or more days after payment has been issued to you in settlement of a claim.
- The provision of a hire vehicle for an insured incident if the insured incident happened before the start of the insurance or after the insured period.
- m) Any claim if **you** never held (or have been disqualified from holding or obtaining) a driving licence at the time of the **insured** incident
- n) Any claim arising out of the use of the **vehicle** by **you** for racing, rallies, trials or competitions of any kind.
- Any insured incident if you have not used either the ALPS or insurer approved repairer if a courtesy vehicle would have been available.

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

There is no cover:

- a) If the **insured incident** happened before **you** bought this insurance.
- b) If you do not give proper instructions to us or the adviser or do not respond to a request for information or attendance by the

adviser.

- c) If advisers' costs have not been agreed in advance or are more than 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) For claims made by or against the **underwriters**, **us** or the adviser.
- f) If a reasonable estimate of your advisers' costs is greater than the amount in dispute.
- g) If your motor insurers repudiate the motor insurance policy or refuse indemnity.
- h) For any claim arising from racing, rallies, competitions or trials.
- i) For an application for judicial review.
- j) For appeals without our prior written consent.
- k) For any legal action that we reasonably believe to be false, fraudulent, exaggerated or if you have made misrepresentations to the adviser.
- I) If at the time of the **insured incident you** were disqualified from driving, did not hold a licence to drive or the **vehicle** did not have a valid MOT certificate or tax disc or comply with any laws relating to its ownership or use.
- m) For disputes between the adviser and any other party which is only over the level of advisers' costs.
- n) For **your** solicitors' own costs above those that would be recoverable through a court from **your** opponent, including any amount charged on a contingency basis.
- o) If providing it would expose the **underwriters** 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.
- 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.

CONDITIONS

1. Claims

- a) You must notify us as soon as possible and within a maximum of 90 days once you become aware of the insured incident. 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.
- You must supply at your own expense all of the information which we reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be arises, and you wish to nominate a legal representative to act for you, you may do so. If you decide 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:
 - i. 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 **underwriters** 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) **Underwriters** shall only be liable for costs for work expressly authorised by **us** in writing and undertaken while there are reasonable 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.
- 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.
- k) If any claim made by you or anyone acting on your behalf under this insurance is fraudulent, deliberately exaggerated or

intended to mislead, we may:

- not pay your claim; and
- recover (from **you**) any payments **we** have already made in respect of that claim; and
- terminate your insurance from the time of the fraudulent act; and
- inform the police of the fraudulent act.

If **your** insurance is terminated from the time of the fraudulent act, **we** will not pay any claim for any incident which happens after that time and may not return any of the insurance premium(s) already paid.

In relation to the 'hire vehicle' section of the cover:

- I) You should comply fully with the terms and conditions of the hire vehicle company.
- m) The hire vehicle is to be used by you only.
- n) The hire vehicle is covered for use within the territorial limits only.
- o) It is your responsibility to ensure that the hire vehicle is covered by a valid motor insurance and is adequate for your use and needs. You may have to purchase comprehensive insurance for the hire vehicle should they not meet the eligibility criteria of the insurance offered by the hire vehicle company.
- p) It is your responsibility to immediately report any problems with the hire vehicle to the hire vehicle company.
- q) Any damage caused to the hire vehicle and any associated costs will be your responsibility.
- r) When taking possession of the **hire vehicle**, **you** must produce **your** full UK driving licence and any other identification as required by **the hire vehicle company**.

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 more than 50% chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, **we** may decline support or any further support. Examples of positive outcomes 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.

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

Any disputes between **you** and **us** in relation to **our** assessment of **your** prospects of success in the case or nomination of solicitor may, if **you** and **we** both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who shall 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 shall be binding and carried out in accordance with the Arbitration Act. The costs of the arbitration shall be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

5. 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.

6. Cancellation

You may cancel this insurance at any time by writing to **your** insurance advisor providing 14 days' written notice. If **you** exercise this right within 14 days of taking out this insurance, **you** will receive a refund of premium provided **you** have not already made a claim against the insurance. If **you** choose to cancel **your** policy after 14 days from the start date of **your** policy, then no refund of premium is 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) If we have a reasonable suspicion of fraud.
- b) You use threatening or abusive behaviour or language or intimidation or bullying of our staff or suppliers.

7. Important Information

If you are a private individual the following applies to you:

Giving Us all the important information

When the **underwriters** accept **your** application for this insurance, they will rely on the information **you** give. **You** must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate 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 the extent of cover may be affected and:

- we may cancel your policy and refuse to pay any claim or
- we may not pay any claim in full.

We will write to you if we:

• intend to cancel your policy; or

need to amend the terms of your policy; or require you to pay more for your insurance.

If you become aware that information you have given is incomplete or inaccurate, you must inform your insurance advisor

If you are part of a partnership, a sole trader. a limited company or other legal entity the following applies to you:

Your Duty of Disclosure

Under the Insurance Act 2015 **you** have a duty to make fair presentation of the risk to the **underwriters** before this policy starts, at each renewal and when **you** make any amendment(s) to cover.

This means you must:

- a) disclose all material facts of which you know or ought to know.
- b) make the disclosure in a reasonably clear and accessible way.
- c) make sure that every material representation of fact is substantially correct and made in good faith.

What is a Material Fact?

A material fact is Information that would influence the **underwriters**' decision as to whether to insure **you** and, if so, on what terms. For the purposes of the duty of fair presentation, **you** are expected to know the following;

- (a) If **you** are an individual (such as a sole trader or individual partner) what is known to **you** and anybody who is responsible for arranging this insurance, or
- (b) if you are not an individual (such as a limited company or partnership):
 - what is known to anybody who is part of **your** organisation's senior management (this means those people who play significant roles in the making of decisions about how **your** activities are to be managed or organised or anybody who is responsible for arranging this insurance.
 - what should reasonably be revealed by a reasonable search of the information available to **you**. The information may be held within **your** organisation (including, for example, subsidiaries, affiliates, the broker or any other person who will be covered under this insurance.
 - If the insurance is intended to insure subsidiaries, affiliates, or other parties, **you** are expected to have included them in **your** enquiries and inform **us** if **you** have not done so. The reasonable search may be conducted by making enquiries or by any other means
- (c) Whether **you** are an individual or not, what should reasonably be revealed by a reasonable search of the information available to **you**.

Breach of duty

If you breach your duty to make fair presentation of the risk to the underwriters, then:

- · where the breach was deliberate or reckless, we may avoid this policy, refuse all claims and keep all premiums paid.
- where the breach was neither deliberate nor reckless and, but for the breach, the underwriters would not have agreed to provide
 cover under the policy on any terms, we may avoid this policy and refuse all claims, but we will return any premiums paid.
- where the breach was neither deliberate nor reckless and, but for the breach, the underwriters would have agreed to provide
 cover under this policy but on different terms (other than premium terms), we may require that this policy includes such different
 terms with effect from its commencement, and/or
- where the breach was neither deliberate nor reckless and, but for the breach, the underwriters would have agreed to provide
 cover under this policy but would have charged higher premiums, their liability for any loss amount payable shall be limited to the
 proportion that the premium they charged bears to the higher premium that they would have charged.
 For example: if, due to a breach of fair presentation, you were charged a premium of £100 but should have been charged £200,
 then for any claim submitted and agreed at a settlement value of £50, you will only be paid £25.

8. English Law

This contract is governed by English Law unless otherwise agreed.

9. Language

The language for contractual terms and communication will be English.

CUSTOMER SERVICES INFORMATION

How to Make a Claim

To make a claim, please use one of the following methods.

By Internet

To notify your claim online, please visit our claims website: **valid8.alpsltd.co.uk** where you will be able to create an account and register your claim and submit documents via our portal.

How to Claim By Email

Please email a copy of your documents to claim@alpsltd.co.uk

By Phone

To speak to our claims team and report the details of your claim, please call: 01260 241000.

Unless a **conflict of interest** arises **you** are not covered for legal fees incurred before court proceedings are issued unless **you** use **our** panel solicitors or their agents which **we** will appoint to act for **you**.

Privacy and Data Protection Notice

1. Data Protection

Auto Legal Protection Services are committed to protecting and respecting **your** privacy in accordance with the current **Data protection legislation** ("Legislation"). Below is a summary of the main ways in which **we** process **your** personal data, for more information please visit https://www.alpsltd.co.uk/.

2. How We Use Your Personal Data and Who We Share it With

We may use the personal data **we** hold about **you** for the purposes of providing insurance, handling claims and any other related purposes (this may include underwriting decisions made via automated means), research or statistical purposes. **We** will also use **your** data to safeguard against fraud and money laundering and to meet **our** general legal or regulatory obligations.

3. Sensitive Personal Data

Some of the personal information, such as information relating to health or criminal convictions, may be required by **us** for the specific purposes of underwriting or as part of the claims handling process. The provision of such data is conditional for **us** to be able to provide insurance or manage a claim. Such data will only be used for the specific purposes set out in **our** notice

4. Disclosure of Your Personal Data

We may disclose **your** personal data to third parties involved in providing products or services to **us**, or to service providers who perform services on **our** behalf. These may include, where necessary, affinity partners, brokers, agents, third party administrators, reinsurers, other insurance intermediaries, insurance reference bureaus, credit agencies, medical service providers, fraud detection agencies, loss adjusters, external law firms, external auditors and accountants, regulatory authorities, and as may be required by law.

5. Your Rights

You have the right to ask us not to process your data for marketing purposes, to see a copy of the personal information we hold about you, to have your data deleted (subject to certain exemptions), to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected or deleted, to ask us to provide a copy of your data to any controller and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority.

6. Retention

Your data will not be retained for longer than is necessary and will be managed in accordance with **our** data retention policy. In most cases the retention period will be for a period of seven (7) years following the expiry of the insurance contract, or **our** business relationship with **you**, unless **we** are required to retain the data for a longer period due to business, legal or regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions concerning our use of your personal data, please contact The Data Protection Officer, please see website for full address details.

The Underwriters' Data Protection Notice

AmTrust Specialty Limited will keep **your** personal information safe and private. There are laws that protect **your** privacy and they follow them carefully. Under the laws, AmTrust Specialty Ltd are the company responsible for handling **your** information (Data Controller). Here is a simple explanation of how they use **your** personal information. For more information visit their website at www.amtrustinternational.com/dpn.

What they do with your personal information

AmTrust Specialty Limited might need to use the information they have about you for different reasons.

For example, they might need it:

- to run through their computerised system to decide if they 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 them to.
- for research or statistics.

They will need it:

- to provide this insurance.
- to contact you to ask if you want to renew it.
- to protect both you and them 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. They might need this kind of information to decide if they can offer **you** this insurance or to help **you** with a claim. They will only use this information for these specific reasons and in line with regulatory conditions.

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

Sometimes they 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). They currently send it to the USA and Israel. They make sure that **your** information is always kept safely and treated in line with the law and this notice.

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

AmTrust Specialty Limited will not keep **your** information longer than they need to. They will usually keep it for 10 years after **your** insurance ends unless they have to keep it longer for other business or regulatory reasons.

If you have any questions about how they use your information, you can contact their Data Protection Officer. You can find their contact details on their website www.amtrustinternational.com/dpn).

Complaints Procedure

We are committed to providing you with the highest standard of service and customer care. We realise however, that there may be occasions when you feel that you did not receive the standard of service you expect.

We hope you will be completely happy with this insurance but if something does go wrong, we would like to know about it.

We will do our best to resolve the issue and make sure it doesn't happen again. This complaints procedure does not affect your statutory rights.

Complaints about the Sale of this Insurance

If you have any concerns regarding the sale of this insurance, please contact your insurance broker.

Complaints about the administration of this policy or a claim

Auto Legal Protection Service Limited (ALPS) aim to give our insured a high level of service at all times. However if **you** have a complaint about your policy please contact:

ALPS Limited, Sunnyside Mill, Highfield Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 3AQ.

Telephone: 01260 241555 Email: complaints@alpsltd.co.uk

We will contact **you** and handle **your** complaint on **our** behalf. **We** will contact **you** within three working days of receiving **your** complaint to inform **you** of what action is being taken. **We** will try to resolve the problem and give **you** an answer within four weeks. If it will take longer than four weeks **we** will tell you when **you** can expect an answer.

If you are unhappy with the response to your complaint, or you have not received a response within 8 weeks of the date your complaint was received, you may be eligible to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service, who can review complaints from 'eligible complainants', but you must do so within 6 months of receiving a final response from the underwriters, or from us on their behalf. Further information can be found at: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service exists to help resolve complaints when the insurer has not been able to resolve matters to **your** satisfaction and the service **they** provide is free and impartial. Their contact details are as follows:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London F14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567 (calls to this number are free on mobile phones and landline) or 0300 123 9123 (Calls to this number cost no more than calls to 01 and 02 numbers.)

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

This complaints procedure does not affect any legal right you have to take action against us.

Compensation

We and the **underwriters** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if **we** or the **underwriters** are unable to meet **our** obligations. **Your** entitlement to compensation will depend on the circumstances of the claim. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at http://www.fscs.org.uk/ or by telephoning 0800 678 1100.

Authorisation

Auto Legal Protection Services is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. ALPS's Firm Reference Number is 300906.

This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website: www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

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