



# Important Information

If you have an accident...call us straight away on **0345 030 7956**.

For our joint protection, calls may be recorded and/or monitored.





# Your important information

This document contains some important information you need to know about your insurance. The policy wording and schedule can be viewed at [www.generalaccident.com](http://www.generalaccident.com) and, once you've purchased your policy, all your documents will be available to view at My account.

It is important that you read all the policy documentation carefully.

## Important Notice – Information and changes we need to know about

You must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask. Please read any assumptions carefully and confirm if they apply to your circumstances. If any of the information provided by you changes after you purchase your policy and during the period of your policy please make changes online at [www.generalaccident.com/my-account](http://www.generalaccident.com/my-account)

If the information provided by you is not complete and accurate:

- we may cancel your policy and refuse to pay any claim, or
- we may not pay any claim in full, or
- we may revise the premium and/or change the compulsory excess, or
- the extent of the cover may be affected.

It is an offence under the Road Traffic Acts to provide incomplete or inaccurate information to the questions asked in your application for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of motor insurance.

## Data Protection – Privacy Notice

### Personal Information

We collect and use personal information about you so that we can provide you with a policy that suits your insurance needs. This notice explains the most important aspects of how we use your information but you can get more information about the terms we use and view our full privacy policy at <https://www.generalaccident.com/privacy-and-cookie-policy> or request a copy by contacting us through our Need Help Centre at <https://help.generalaccident.com/>

The data controller responsible for this personal information is Aviva Insurance Limited as the insurer of the product. Additional controllers include Aviva UK Digital Limited trading as General Accident, who is responsible for the sale and distribution of the product and any applicable reinsurers.

## Personal information we collect and how we use it

We will use your personal information:

- to provide you with insurance: we need this to decide if we can offer insurance to you and if so on what terms and also to administer your policy, handle any claims and manage any renewal,
- to support legitimate interests that we have as a business: we need this to manage arrangements we have with reinsurers, for the detection and prevention of fraud and to help us better understand our customers and improve our customer engagement (this includes marketing, customer analytics and profiling),
- to meet any applicable legal or regulatory obligations: we need this to meet compliance requirements with our regulators (e.g. Financial Conduct Authority), to comply with law enforcement and to manage legal claims, and
- to carry out other activities that are in the public interest: for example we may need to use personal information to carry out anti-money laundering checks.

As well as collecting personal information about you, we may also use personal information about other people, for example family members you wish to insure on a policy. If you are providing information about another person we expect you to ensure that they know you are doing so and are content with their information being provided to us. You might find it helpful to show them this privacy notice and if they have any concerns please contact us in one of the ways described below.

The personal information we collect and use will include name, address and date of birth, financial information and details of your vehicle(s). If a claim is made we will also collect personal information about the claim from you and any relevant third parties. We may also need to ask for details relating to the health or any unspent offences or criminal convictions of you or somebody else covered under your policy. We recognise that information about health and offences or criminal convictions is particularly sensitive information. Where appropriate, we will ask for consent to collect and use this information.

If we need your consent to use personal information, we will make this clear to you when you complete an application or submit a claim. If you give us consent to using personal information, you are free to withdraw this at any time by contacting us – refer to the “Contacting us” details below. Please note that if consent to use information is withdrawn we may not be able to continue to provide the policy or process claims and we may need to cancel the policy.

Of course, you don’t have to provide us with any personal information, but if you don’t provide the information we need we may not be able to proceed with your application or any claim you make.

Some of the information we collect as part of this application may be provided to us by a third party. This may include information already held about you and your vehicle(s) within the Aviva group, including details from previous quotes and claims, information we obtain from publicly available records, our trusted third parties and from industry databases, including fraud prevention agencies and databases.

#### **Databases we use for Underwriting and Fraud Prevention and Detection purposes**

We may use your information to allow us to detect and prevent fraudulent applications and claims. For details relating to information held about you on the Claims Underwriting and Exchange Register and Motor Insurance Anti-Fraud and Theft Register please visit [www.insurancedatabases.co.uk](http://www.insurancedatabases.co.uk).

For details relating to information held about you by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) please visit [www.dvla.gov.uk](http://www.dvla.gov.uk)

#### **How your data is used and shared by Insurers and Databases in relation to motor insurance**

The data you provide will be used by us and shared with other insurers as well as certain statutory and other authorised bodies for:

- Insurance underwriting purposes i.e. to examine the potential risk in relation to your (and/or a third party’s) prospective policy so that we can:
  - Consider whether to accept the relevant risk,
  - Make decisions about the provision and administration of insurance and related services for you (and members of your household),
- Validate your (or any person or property likely to be involved in the policy or claim) claims history (at any time including upon application for insurance, in the event of an accident or a claim, or at a time of renewal).
- Management Information purposes. To analyse insurance and other markets for the purposes of:
  - Portfolio assessment,
  - Risk assessment,
  - Performance reporting,
  - Management reporting.
- Anti-fraud purposes.  
To detect and prevent fraudulent claims and/or activities by:
  - Sharing information about you with other organisations and public bodies including the police,
  - Tracing debtors or beneficiaries, recovering debt, managing your accounts and/or insurance policies,
  - Undertaking fraud searches. Insurers pass information to fraud prevention agencies and databases including the Claims Underwriting and Exchange Register and where appropriate the Motor Insurance anti-Fraud and Theft Register by Insurance Database Services Limited (IDSL). This helps insurers check information and prevent fraudulent claims. When we deal with your request for insurance we may search these registers.
- Compliance with legal obligations and responsibilities.
  - Claims management – In the event of a claim we may need to disclose information with any other party involved in that claim such as third parties involved in the incident, their insurer, solicitor or representative and medical teams, the police or other investigators. We also may have to investigate your claims and conviction history.
  - Complaints management – If you make a complaint about the service we have provided, we may be obliged to forward details about your complaints, including your personal information, to the relevant ombudsman.
  - Information about your insurance policy will be added to the Motor Insurance Database (MID) managed by the Motor Insurers’ Bureau (MIB). MID and the data stored on it may be used by certain statutory and/or authorised bodies including the police, the DVLA, the DVLNI, the Insurance Fraud Bureau and other bodies permitted by law.

This information may be used for purposes permitted by law, which include but are not limited to:

- Electronic Licensing
- Continuous insurance enforcement
- Law enforcement (prevention, detection, apprehension and/or prosecution of offenders)
- The provision of government services and/or other services aimed at reducing the level and incidence of uninsured driving.

If you are involved in a road traffic accident (either in the UK, the European Economic Area or certain other territories), insurers and/or the MIB may search the MID to obtain relevant information.

Persons (including his or her appointed representative) pursuing a claim in respect of a road traffic accident (including citizens of other countries) may also obtain relevant information which is held on the MID. It is vital that the MID holds your current registration number. If it is incorrectly shown on the MID you are at risk of having your vehicle seized by the police.

You can check that your current registration number details are shown on the MID at [www.askmid.com](http://www.askmid.com).

#### How your data will be processed

- Information which is supplied to fraud prevention agencies and databases such as IDSL and MID can include details such as your name, address and date of birth together with details of any injury arising from a claim.
- Your data may be supplied to databases in order to facilitate automatic no claim discount validation checks.
- Your data may be transferred to any country, including countries outside of the European Economic Area, for any of the purposes mentioned above.
- Under your policy you must tell us about any incident (such as an accident or theft) which may or may not give rise to a claim. When you tell us about an incident, we will pass information relating to it to the fraud prevention agencies and databases such as IDSL.

You can ask for more information about this. If you require such information, please contact Aviva Insurance Limited.

#### How we use your data – Driving Licence Number

Insurance underwriting purposes i.e. to examine the potential risk in relation to your (and/or a third party's) prospective policy so that we can:

- Provide your (or any person included on the proposal) Driving Licence Number (DLN) to the DVLA to confirm your (or the relevant person included on the proposal) licence status, entitlement and relevant restriction information and endorsement/conviction data. Searches may be carried out prior to the date of the insurance policy and at any point throughout the duration of your insurance policy including at the mid-term adjustment and renewal stage. A search of the DLN with the DVLA should not show a footprint against your (or another relevant person included on the proposal) driving licence.
- Searches may be carried out at point of quote and, if an insurance policy is incepted, at renewal stage.

Please note that if you give us false or inaccurate information it may invalidate your insurance policy/prospective insurance policy or it could affect the amount we pay to settle any claims you make under the policy.

#### Credit Searches

To ensure we have the necessary facts to assess your insurance risk, verify your identity, help prevent fraud and provide you with our best premium and payment options, we may need to obtain information relating to you at quotation, renewal and in certain circumstances where policy amendments are requested. We or our agents may:

- undertake checks against publicly available information (such as electoral roll, county court judgments, bankruptcy orders or repossession(s)). Similar checks may be made when assessing claims,
- carry out a quotation search from a credit reference agency (CRA) which will appear on your credit report and be visible to other credit providers. It will be clear that this is a quotation search rather than a credit application.

Where you agree to pay monthly under an Aviva credit agreement, the status of your quotation search from our credit reference agency (CRA) will be updated to reflect your credit application and this will be visible to other credit providers. CRA's may keep a record of this search.

In order to assess your application we will supply your personal information to our CRA and they will give us information about you, such as about your financial history. We do this to assess creditworthiness and product suitability, check your identity, manage your account, trace and recover debts and prevent criminal activity. We will also continue to exchange information about you with CRA's on an ongoing basis, including about your settled accounts and any debts not fully repaid on time. CRA's will share your information with other organisations. Your data will also be linked to the data of your spouse, any joint applicants or other financial associates.

The identity of our CRA and the ways in which they use and share personal information, are explained in more detail at [www.callcredit.co.uk/crain](http://www.callcredit.co.uk/crain).

### Automated decision making

We carry out automated decision making to decide whether we can provide insurance to you and on what terms, deal with claims or carry out fraud checks. In particular we use an automated underwriting engine to provide a quote for this product, using the information we have collected.

### On-line information

When you visit one of our websites, we may record information about your computer or mobile device, including hardware and software used, general location, when and how you interact with our websites. This information is used to note your interest in our websites, improve customer journeys, determine pricing and/or offer you available discounts.

### How we share your personal information with others

We may share your personal information:

- with the Aviva group, our agents and third parties who provide services to us, and other insurers (either directly or via those acting for the insurer such as loss adjusters or investigators) to help us administer our products and services,
- with regulatory bodies and law enforcement bodies, including the police, e.g. if we are required to do so to comply with a relevant legal or regulatory obligation,
- with other organisations including insurers, public bodies and the police (either directly or using shared databases) for fraud prevention and detection purposes,

- with reinsurers who provide reinsurance services to Aviva and for each other. Reinsurers will use your data to decide whether to provide reinsurance cover, assess and deal with reinsurance claims and to meet legal obligations. They will keep your data for the period necessary for these purposes and may need to disclose it to other companies within their group, their agents and third party service providers, law enforcement and regulatory bodies.

Some of the organisations we share information with may be located outside of the European Economic Area ("EEA"). We'll always take steps to ensure that any transfer of information outside of Europe is carefully managed to protect your privacy rights. For more information on this please see our Privacy Policy or contact us.

### Marketing

We may use personal information we hold about you across the Aviva Group to help us identify and tailor products and services that may be of interest to you. We will do this in accordance with any marketing preferences you have provided to us. We may continue to do this after your policy has ended.

You can amend your marketing preferences in your My account.

### How long we keep your personal information for

We maintain a retention policy to ensure we only keep personal information for as long as we reasonably need it for the purposes explained in this notice. We need to keep information for the period necessary to administer your insurance and deal with claims and queries on your policy. We may also need to keep information after our relationship with you has ended, for example to ensure we have an accurate record in the event of any complaints or challenges, carry out relevant fraud checks, or where we are required to do so for legal, regulatory or tax purposes.

### Your rights

You have various rights in relation to your personal information, including the right to request access to your personal information, correct any mistakes on our records, erase or restrict records where they are no longer required, object to use of personal information based on legitimate business interests, ask not to be subject to automated decision making if the decision produces legal or other significant effects on you, and data portability. For more details in relation to your rights, including how to exercise them, please see our full privacy policy or contact us – refer to the "Contacting us" details below.

## Contacting us

If you have a query or need to contact us for help on how to self-serve your policy, please visit <https://help.generalaccident.com/>

If you have any questions about how we use personal information, or if you want to exercise your rights stated above, please contact our Data Protection team by either emailing them at [dataprt@aviva.com](mailto:dataprt@aviva.com) or writing to the Data Protection Officer, Level 4, Pitheavlis, Perth PH2 0NH.

If you have a complaint or concern about how we use your personal information, please contact us in the first instance and we will attempt to resolve the issue as soon as possible. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office at any time.

## Fraud prevention and detection

In order to prevent and detect fraud we may at any time:

- Undertake searches against your (or any person included on the proposal) DLN against details held by the DVLA to confirm your licence status, entitlement and restriction information and endorsement/conviction data. This helps insurers check information to prevent fraud and reduce incidences of negligent misrepresentation and non-disclosure. A search of the DLN with the DVLA should not show a footprint against your (or another relevant person included on the proposal) driving licence;
- Share information about you with other organisations and public bodies including the Police;
- Undertake credit searches and additional fraud searches;
- Check and/or file your details with fraud prevention agencies and databases, and if you give us false or inaccurate information and we suspect fraud, we will record this.

We can supply on request further details of the databases we access or contribute to.

We and other organisations may also search these agencies and databases to:

- Help make decisions about the provision and administration of insurance, credit and related services for you and members of your household;
- Trace debtors or beneficiaries, recover debt, prevent fraud and to manage your accounts or insurance policies;
- Check your identity to prevent money laundering, unless you provide us with other satisfactory proof of identity.

## Claims history

- Under the conditions of your policy you must tell us about any insurance related incidents (such as fire, water damage, theft or an accident) whether or not they give rise to a claim. When you tell us about an incident we will pass information relating to it to a database.
- We may search these databases when you apply for insurance, in the event of any incident or claim, or at any time of renewal to validate your claims history or that of any other person or property likely to be involved in the policy or claim.

You should show the notices to anyone insured to drive the vehicle(s) covered under the policy.

## Renewing your insurance

We will contact you by email at least 21 days before your renewal date and will either:

1. give you an opportunity to renew your insurance for a further year and tell you:
  - about any changes we are making to the terms and conditions of your policy;
  - to review your circumstances and consider whether this insurance continues to meet your needs;
  - to check that the information you have provided us with is still correct, and tell us if anything has changed; and
  - the price for the next year.

If you wish to make any changes at renewal, please log in to your My account and edit your policy there.

Or

2. let you know that we are unable to renew your insurance. Reasons why this may happen include but are not limited to the following:
  - when the product is no longer available; or
  - when we are no longer prepared to offer you insurance for reasons such as:
    - we reasonably suspect fraud;
    - your claims history;
    - we have changed our acceptance criteria;

- you are no longer eligible for cover; and/or
- where you have not taken reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask. See the 'Important Notice – Information and changes we need to know about' section within this document.

A cooling off period (14 days from renewal of the contract or the day on which you receive your renewal documentation, whichever is the later) applies at the renewal of your insurance. Please read 'Your cancellation rights' in your policy booklet which explains how this works.

### Automatic renewal of your policy

Where we have offered you renewal terms and you select or have selected a continuous premium payment method, you will be notified by email at least 21 days before your renewal date that the policy will automatically be renewed and the renewal premium will again be collected from your specified bank account or credit/debit card.

We will not automatically renew your policy if:

- you have contacted us to cancel your continuous payment authority since you purchased the policy or your last renewal; or
- we no longer offer you the continuous payment method if, for example, you have a poor payment history or an adverse credit history.

If either of the above happens we will advise you of this in your renewal email and you will need to contact us to make payment before we can renew your policy.

### Choice of law

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

1. You and the Insurer agree otherwise; or
2. At the date of the contract you are resident of (or, in the case of a business the registered office or principal place of business is situated in) Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, in which case (in the absence of agreement to the contrary) the law for that country will apply.

### Our regulatory status

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### How do I make a complaint?

We hope that you'll be very happy with the service that we provide. If you aren't, though, we'd like to hear from you.

If you have a complaint about this insurance or your claim (excluding car repairer complaints) please go to [www.generalaccident.com/complaints](http://www.generalaccident.com/complaints).

If your complaint is about the car repairer please call 0345 030 7956.

We are covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service. If you have complained to us and we have been unable to resolve your complaint, you may be entitled to refer it to this independent body. Following the complaints procedure does not affect your right to take legal action.

If you have taken a product out with us online or by telephone, you can also use the European Commission's Online Dispute Resolution service to make a complaint. The purpose of this platform is to identify a suitable Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) provider and we expect that this will be the Financial Ombudsman Service. Please be aware that the Financial Ombudsman Service will only be able to consider your complaint after we have had the opportunity to consider and resolve it.

### Telephone call charges and recording

Calls to 0800 numbers from UK landlines and mobiles are free. The cost of calls to 03 prefixed numbers are charged at national call rates (charges may vary dependent on your network provider) and are usually included in inclusive minute plans from landlines and mobiles. For our joint protection telephone calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

To find out more about us and the other things we do,  
visit [www.generalaccident.com](http://www.generalaccident.com)



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