Residential and Non-Standard Homes Family Legal Expenses





# **Family Legal Expenses**

Family Legal Protection provides:-

- Assistance Helplines including 24/7 Legal Advice
- Insurance for legal costs for certain types of disputes

# **Assistance Helpline Services**

#### Legal Helpline

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

Simply telephone 0344 770 1040 and quote "Intasure Residential and Non-Standard".

For Our joint protection telephone calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

# **Policy Wording**

# **Terms of Cover**

This insurance is managed and provided by Arc Legal Assistance Limited. It is underwritten by AmTrust Europe 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. 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 **Costs** as detailed under the separate sections of cover, less any **Excess** up to the **Maximum Amount Payable** where:-

a) The Insured Event takes place in the Period of Insurance and within the Territorial Limits

and

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 'General Conditions' section below and should be read carefully. Some of the main conditions to this insurance are that:

#### **Prospects of Success**

There must be more than a 50% 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 more than a 50% chance of success then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

#### **Proportional Costs**

An estimate of the **Costs** to deal with **Your** claim must not be more than the amount of money in dispute. The estimate of the **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.

#### **Duty of Disclosure**

If this policy covers **You** as a private individual, unrelated to any trade, business or profession, **You** must take reasonable care to disclose correct information. The extent of the information **You** are required to disclose will be based on, among other things, the type of insurance, explanatory material and the clarity and specificity of the questions **You** are asked when **You** took out this insurance.

#### **Suspension of Cover**

If **You** breach a condition of this insurance contract which is essential to its performance, this insurance contract will be suspended from the time of the breach until the time the breach can be remedied. The **Insurer** will have no liability to **You** for any loss which occurs, or which is attributable to something happening, during the period when this insurance contract is suspended.

# Definitions

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

Adviser	Our specialist panel solicitors or accountants or their agents appointed by Us to act for You, or, and subject to Our agreement, where it is necessary to start court proceedings or a Conflict of Interest arises, another legal representative nominated by You.
Advisers' Costs	Legal or accountancy fees and disbursements incurred by the Adviser.
Adverse Costs	Third party legal costs awarded against <b>You</b> which shall be paid on the standard basis of assessment provided that these costs arise after written acceptance of a claim.
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.
Costs	Standard Advisers' Costs and Adverse Costs.
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.
Contract of Employment	A contract of service, whether express or implied, and (if it is express) whether oral or in writing.
Disclosure Breach	Disclosing false information or failing to disclose relevant information in the process of entering into this insurance contract.
Employee	An individual who has entered into or works under (or, where the employment has ceased, worked under) a <b>Contract of Employment</b> .
HM Revenue and Customs Full Enquiry	An extensive examination by HM Revenue & Customs under Section 9A of the Taxes Management Act 1970 into all aspects of <b>Your</b> PAYE income or gains.
Identity Fraud	A person or group of persons knowingly using a means of identification belonging to <b>You</b> without <b>Your</b> knowledge or permission with intent to commit or assist another to commit an illegal act.
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.  Employment In employment disputes the Insured Event will be the receipt of an ET1 Employment Tribunal Claim Form.  Identity Fraud In a claim arising from Identity Fraud the Insured Event is a single act or the start of a series of single acts against You by one person or group of people.  Tax In accountancy matters the Insured Event arises on the date that You or Your Adviser are contacted either verbally or in writing, by the relevant department
	of <b>HMRC</b> advising <b>You</b> of either dissatisfaction with <b>Your</b> returns, or amounts paid, or notice of intention to investigate.

	For the purposes of the <b>Maximum Amount Payable</b> , only one <b>Insured Event</b> will be regarded as having arisen from all causes or by actions, incidents or events which are related by cause or time.
Insurer	AmTrust Europe Limited.
Legal Action(s)	<ul> <li>The pursuit or defence of civil legal cases for damages and/or injunctions, specific performance or;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The defence of criminal prosecutions to do with Your employment, or Your vehicles identity</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The defence of motor prosecutions</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 stated below: <b>All sections</b> : £60,000
Period of Insurance	One year from the inception or renewal date shown on <b>Your</b> insurance schedule.
Standard Advisers' Costs	The level of <b>Advisers' Costs</b> that would normally be incurred in using a specialist panel solicitor or their agents.
Territorial Limits	United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
We/Us/Our	Arc Legal Assistance Limited.
You/Your/Yourself	Any person who has paid the premium, or on whose behalf the premium has been paid and been declared to <b>Us</b> by <b>Your</b> insurance adviser and is permanently resident at the property covered under the household insurance to which this cover attaches. Cover also applies to <b>Your</b> family members' resident with <b>You</b> . If <b>You</b> die <b>Your</b> personal representatives will be covered to pursue or defend cases covered by this insurance on <b>Your</b> behalf that arose prior to or out of <b>Your</b> death.

# Cover

# **Consumer Pursuit**

#### What is insured

**Costs** to pursue a **Legal Action** following a breach of a contract **You** have for buying or renting goods or services for **Your** private use. The contract must have been made after **You** first purchased this insurance unless **You** have held this or equivalent cover with **Us** or another insurer continuously from or before the date on which the agreement was made.

# What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Where the amount in dispute is below £250 plus VAT
- b) Where the breach of contract occurred before You purchased this insurance
- c) Involving a vehicle owned by You or which You are legally responsible for
- d) Arising from a dispute with any government, public or local authority
- e) Arising from the purchase or sale of Your main home
- f) Relating to a lease tenancy or licence to use property or land
- g) Relating to a dispute about either the amount an insurance company should pay to settle an insurance claim or the way a claim should be settled
- h) Relating to a dispute with any financial services supplier arising from the sale or performance of products and services offered or provided to **You**
- i) Directly or indirectly arising from planning law
- j) Directly or indirectly arising from constructing buildings or altering their structure for Your use.

# **Consumer Defence**

#### What is insured

**Costs** to defend a **Legal Action** brought against **You** following a breach of a contract **You** have for selling **Your** own personal goods. The contract must have been made after **You** first purchased this insurance unless **You** have held this or equivalent cover with **Us** or another insurer continuously from or before the date on which the agreement was made.

# What is not insured:-

# Claims

- a) Where the amount in dispute is below £250 plus VAT
- b) Where the breach of contract occurred before You purchased this insurance
- c) Involving a vehicle owned by You or which You are legally responsible for
- d) Arising from a dispute with any government, public or local authority
- e) Arising from the sale or purchase of Your main home
- f) Relating to a lease tenancy or licence to use property or land

# **Personal Injury**

#### What is insured

**Costs** to pursue a **Legal Action** following an accident resulting in **Your** personal injury or death against the person or organisation directly responsible.

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. If the damages You are claiming are below the small claims track limit Advisers' Costs will not be covered but You can access the Legal Helpline for advice on how to take Your case further.

# What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Arising from medical or clinical treatment, advice, assistance or care
- b) For stress, psychological or emotional injury unless it arises from **You** suffering physical injury
- c) For illness, personal injury or death caused gradually and not caused by a specific sudden event
- d) Involving a vehicle owned or driven by You

# **Employment Disputes**

# What is insured

**Standard Advisers' Costs** to pursue a **Legal Action** brought before an Employment Tribunal (or its equivalent in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) against an employer or ex-employer for breach as an **Employee** of **Your**:-

- a) Contract of Employment; or
- b) legal rights under employment laws.

### What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Where the breach occurred within the first 90 days after **You** first purchased this insurance unless **You** have held equivalent cover with **Us** or another insurer continuously for a period of at least 90 days leading up to when the breach first occurred
- b) For a dispute with an employer or ex-employer unless it is pursued in an Employment Tribunal (or its equivalent in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man)
- c) For **Standard Advisers' Costs** of any disciplinary, investigatory or grievance procedure connected with **Your Contract of Employment** or the costs associated with any settlement agreement
- d) Where the breach is alleged to have commenced or to have continued after termination of **Your** employment
- e) For an allegation of less favourable treatment between men and women in terms of pay and conditions of employment

# **Property Infringement**

#### What is insured:-

**Costs** to pursue a **Legal Action** for nuisance or trespass against the person or organisation infringing **Your** legal rights in relation to **Your** main home.

# What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Where the nuisance or trespass started within the first 180 days after **You** first purchased this insurance unless **You** have held equivalent cover with **Us** or another insurer continuously for a period of at least 180 days leading up to when the nuisance or trespass first started
- b) In respect of works undertaken or to be undertaken by or under the order of any government or public or local authority
- c) For adverse possession
- d) In respect of a contract You have entered into
- e) Directly or indirectly arising from planning law
- f) Directly or indirectly arising from constructing buildings or altering their structure for Your use
- g) Directly or indirectly arising from:
  - i. Subsidence meaning downward movement of the ground beneath buildings where the movement is unconnected with the weight of the building
  - ii. Heave meaning the upward or sideways movement of the site on which buildings are situated caused by swelling of the ground
  - iii. Land slip meaning downward movement of sloping ground
  - iv. Mining or quarrying

# **Property Damage**

#### What is insured

**Costs** to pursue a **Legal Action** for damages against a person or organisation that causes physical damage to **Your** main home or **Your** personal effects. The damage must have been caused after **You** first purchased this insurance.

# What is not insured:-

#### Claims

a) In respect of works undertaken or to be undertaken by or under the order of any government or public or local authority

- b) In respect of a contract You have entered into
- c) Directly or indirectly arising from planning law
- d) Directly or indirectly arising from constructing buildings or altering their structure for Your use
- e) Directly or indirectly arising from:
  - i. Subsidence meaning downward movement of the ground beneath buildings where the movement is unconnected with the weight of the building
  - ii. Heave meaning the upward or sideways movement of the site on which buildings are situated caused by swelling of the ground
  - iii. Land slip meaning downward movement of sloping ground
  - iv. Mining or quarrying

# **Property Sale and Purchase**

#### What is insured

**Costs** to pursue or defend a **Legal Action** arising from a breach of a contract for the sale or purchase of **Your** main home.

# What is not insured:-

Claims

- a) Where **You** have purchased this insurance after the date **You** completed the sale or purchase of **Your** main home
- b) Where the amount in dispute is below £250 plus VAT
- c) Directly or indirectly arising from planning law
- d) Directly or indirectly arising from constructing buildings or altering their structure for Your use

# **Motor Prosecution Defence**

#### What is insured

Standard Advisers' Costs to defend a Legal Action in respect of a motoring offence, arising from Your use of a vehicle. Pleas in mitigation are covered where there is a more than 50% 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 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 **Standard 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 which cannot lead to penalty points on Your licence
- d) For **Standard Advisers' Costs** incurred in excess of any costs **You** are able to recover under a Defendants Costs Order

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# What is insured

Standard Advisers' Costs incurred by an Accountant if You are subject to an HM Revenue and Customs Full Enquiry into Your personal Income Tax position.

This cover applies only if You have:-

- a) Maintained proper, complete, truthful and up to date records
- b) Made all returns at the due time without having to pay any penalty
- c) Provided all information that HM Revenue and Customs reasonably requires

# What is not insured:-

### Claims

- a) Where:
  - i. Deliberate misstatements or omissions have been made, to the authorities

- ii. Income has been under-declared because of false representations or statements by You
- iii. You are subject to an allegation of fraud
- b) For **Standard Advisers' Costs** for any amendment after the tax return has initially been submitted to HM Revenue and Customs
- c) For enquiries into aspects of Your Tax Return (Aspect Enquiries)

# **School Admission Disputes**

### What is insured

Standard Advisers' Costs to appeal against the decision of a Local Education Authority (LEA) arising out of the LEA's failure to conform to its published admission policy, which leads to Your child or children being refused entry at the state school of Your choice.

#### What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Arising where examinations or other selection criteria are part of the acceptance process
- b) Where the process for appealing against the decision to refuse a place at the school has not been adhered to
- c) Where the child has been suspended, expelled or permanently excluded from another school

# **Personal Identity Fraud**

#### What is insured

### Costs arising from Identity Fraud:-

- a) To defend Your legal rights and/or take steps to remove County Court Judgments against You that have been obtained by an organisation from which You are alleged to have purchased, hired or leased goods or services. Cover is only available if You deny having entered in to the contract and allege that You have been the victim of Identity Fraud
- b) To deal with all organisations that have been fraudulently applied to for credit, goods or services in Your name or which are seeking monies or have sought monies from You as a result of Identity Fraud
- c) In order to liaise with credit referencing agencies and all other relevant organisations on **Your** behalf to advise that **You** have been the victim of **Identity Fraud**

# What is not insured:-

#### Claims

- a) Where You have not been the victim of Identity Fraud
- b) Where **You** did not take action to prevent **Yourself** from further instances of **Identity Fraud** following an **Insured Event**
- c) Where the Identity Fraud has been carried out by somebody living with You
- d) For **Costs** arising from loss of cash from a bank, building society, credit union or other similar financial institution where that institution has refused to cover the loss

You must agree to be added to the CIFAS Protection Register if We recommend it.

# **Vehicle Cloning**

#### What is insured

**Costs** to defend a **Legal Action** arising from use of the identity of a vehicle owned by **You** by another person or organisation without **Your** permission.

# Legal Defence

#### What is insured

- a) **Costs** in a **Legal Action** to defend **Your** legal rights in the following circumstances arising out of **Your** work as an **Employee**:
  - i. Prior to being charged when dealing with the police or Health & Safety Executive or others with the power to prosecute
  - ii. In a prosecution brought against **You** in a court of criminal jurisdiction

- iii. In a civil action brought against You for compensation under section 13 of the Data Protection Act 1998
- iv. In civil proceedings brought against You under legislation for unlawful discrimination
- b) Costs in a Legal Action to defend Your legal rights arising out of a formal investigation or disciplinary c brought against You by any trade association or professional or regulatory body

#### 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 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 **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 which cannot lead to penalty points on Your licence
- d) Following an allegation of violence or dishonesty
- e) For Standard Advisers' Costs incurred in excess of any costs You are able to recover under a Defendants Costs Order

# **Social Media Defamation**

### What is insured

Following defamatory comments made about **You** through a social media website, **Standard Advisers' Costs** to write one letter to the provider of the Social Media website requesting that the comments are removed. Where the authors' identity of the defamatory comments is known, **You** are also covered for **Standard Advisers' Costs** to write one letter to the author requesting that the comments are removed from the social media website.

#### What is not insured:-

Claims where You are not aged 18 years or over.

# **General Exclusions**

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

- a) You should have known when buying this insurance that the circumstances leading to a claim under this insurance already existed
- b) An estimate of Advisers' Costs of acting for You is more than the amount in dispute
- c) Advisers' Costs or any other costs and expenses incurred which have not been agreed in advance or are above those for which We have given Our prior written approval
- d) Your insurers repudiate the insurance policy or refuse indemnity

#### 2. There is no cover for:-

- a) Claims over loss or damage where that loss or damage is insured under any other insurance
- b) Claims made by or against Your insurance adviser, the Insurer, the Adviser or Us
- c) Any claim You make which is false or fraudulent or exaggerated
- d) Defending Legal Actions arising from anything You did deliberately or recklessly
- e) Costs if Your claim is part of a class action or will be affected by or will affect the outcome of other claims

# 3. There is no cover for any claim directly or indirectly arising from:-

- a) A dispute between You and someone You live with or have lived with
- b) Your business trade or profession other than as an Employee
- c) An application for a judicial review
- d) Defending or pursuing new areas of law or test cases

# 4. 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.

# Conditions

# 1. Claims

- a) You must notify claims as soon as reasonably possible once You become aware of the incident and within no more than 180 days of You becoming aware of the 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. For claims relating to Identity Fraud, these must be reported within 45 days of You becoming aware of the incident.
- b) We may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the legal proceedings in Your name. Subject to Your consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld We may reach a settlement of the legal proceedings.
  - i. You must supply at Your own expense all of the information which We reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. Where it is necessary to start court proceedings 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 available on request.
- c) The Adviser will:-
  - Provide a detailed view of Your prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgment obtained.
  - ii. Keep Us fully advised of all developments and provide such information as We may require.
  - iii. Keep Us 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 cover under this insurance shall be withdrawn 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.
- d) In the event of a dispute arising as to Advisers' Costs We may require You to change Adviser.
- e) The Insurer shall only be liable for Advisers' Costs for work expressly authorised by Us in writing and undertaken while there are prospects of success.
- f) You shall supply all information requested by the Adviser and Us.
- g) You are responsible for all legal costs and expenses including adverse costs if You withdraw from the legal proceedings without Our prior consent. Any legal costs and expenses already paid under this insurance will be reimbursed by You.
- h) 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 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 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. 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.

# 4. Disclosure

If **You** fail to disclose relevant information or **You** disclose false information in relation to this policy, **We**, or the broker, may:

- a) Cancel the contract and keep the premiums if the **Disclosure Breach** is deliberate or reckless
- b) Cancel the contract but return the premiums proportionately if this contract would not have been entered into had the **Disclosure Breach** been known
- c) Amend the terms of the contract accordingly if the contract would have been entered into on different terms had the **Disclosure Breach** been known
- d) Proportionately reduce the amount **You** are entitled to in the event of a successful claim if a higher premium would have been charged had the **Disclosure Breach** been known.

#### 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. Cancellation

You may cancel this insurance at any time by writing to Your insurance adviser 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.

We may cancel the insurance by giving 14 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
- b) 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.

### 7. 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.

# 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

As soon as **You** have a legal problem that **You** may require assistance with under this insurance **You** should telephone the Legal Helpline.

Specialist lawyers are at hand to help **You**. If **You** need a lawyer or accountant to act for **You** and **Your** problem is covered under this insurance, the helpline will ask **You** to complete and submit a claim form online by visiting www.arclegal.co.uk/informationcentre. Alternatively they will send a claim form to **You**. If **Your** problem is not covered under this insurance, the helpline may be able to offer **You** assistance under a private funding arrangement.

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 a notifiable claim or circumstance, contact the Legal Helpline.

#### **Data Protection Act**

Your details and details of Your insurance cover and claims will be held by Us and or the Insurer for underwriting, processing, claims handling and fraud prevention subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

#### **Customer Service**

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

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 has not been resolved plus an indication of when You will receive a final response. Within eight weeks You will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when You will receive a final response. After eight weeks, if You are unhappy with the delay, You may refer Your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. You can also refer to the Financial Ombudsman Service if You cannot settle Your complaint with Us or before We have investigated the complaint if both parties agree.

#### Our contact details are:-

Arc Legal Assistance Ltd PO 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 www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

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