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# Ripe Motorhomes Legal Expenses Insurance

Legal Expenses Insurance provides:-

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

# **Helpline Services**

## LEGAL HELPLINE

You can use the helpline service to discuss any legal problem 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 1047 and quote "Ripe Motorhome Legal Expenses".

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

# **Policy Wording**

# Terms of Cover

This section of Your cover is managed and provided by Arc Legal Assistance Limited, it is underwritten by AmTrust Specialty Limited, on whose behalf We act.

If a claim is accepted under this section of Your 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.

This section of Your insurance covers Costs as detailed under the separate sub-sections of cover, 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 this section of Your insurance and no exclusions apply then it is vital that You comply with the conditions of this section of Your insurance in order for Your claim to proceed. The conditions applicable to this section are contained under the 'Conditions' section below and should be read carefully. Some of the main conditions to this section of Your insurance are that:

## 1. Prospects of Success

There must be a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. A positive outcome includes, but is not limited to, recovering the amount of money at stake, enforcing a judgment or achieving an outcome which best serves **Your** interests. The assessment of **Your** claim and the prospects of its success will be carried out by an independent **Adviser**. If the **Adviser** determines that there is not a 51% or greater chance of success, then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

## 2. 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.

#### 3. Giving the Insurer all the important information

When the **Insurer** accepts **Your** application for this insurance, it 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:

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

## We will write to You if the Insurer:

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

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



# Definitions

Where the following words appear in bold within this section of Your insurance 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 You which shall be paid on the standard basis of assessment provided that these costs arise after written acceptance of a claim.

## Costs

Standard Advisers' Costs and Adverse Costs.

## **Conditional Fee Agreement**

An agreement between You and the Adviser or between Us and the Adviser which sets out the terms under which the Adviser will charge You or Us for their own fees.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Situations where 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 where this cover applies at the time of the Insured Event.

#### **Identity Fraud**

A person or group of persons knowingly using a means of identification belonging to You without Your 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 section of **Your** insurance.

#### **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.

For the purposes of the Maximum Amount Payable, only one Insured Event will be regarded as having arisen from all causes or by actions, incidents or events which are related by cause or time.

#### Insurer

AmTrust Specialty Limited.

## Legal Action(s)

The pursuit or defence of civil legal cases for damages and/or injunctions, specific performance.

#### Legal Helpline

The service provided by **Our** panel solicitors on **Our** behalf which enables **You** 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 Insured Event under this section of Your insurance is:

| Personal Identity Fraud:                   | £15,000  |
|--|----------|
| Personal Injury & Uninsured Loss Recovery: | £100,000 |
| All other sections of cover:               | £50,000. |



## Motorhome

The motorhome insured under the policy to which this cover attaches.

## **Period of Insurance**

This section of **Your** insurance provides cover for the same period covered by the insurance product or benefit to which it attaches. For the avoidance of doubt, if the underlying insurance policy is cancelled, suspended or withdrawn, this legal expenses insurance will also be cancelled, suspended or withdrawn.

### **Standard Advisers' Costs**

The level of Advisers' Costs that would normally be incurred in using Our specialist panel solicitor or their agents.

### **Territorial Limits**

#### Personal Injury & Uninsured Loss Recovery:

United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (including Monaco) Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy (including San Marino and the Vatican City), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland (including Liechtenstein).

#### All other sections of cover:

United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

#### We/Us/Our

Arc Legal Assistance Limited.

### You/Your /Yourself

The person(s) named in the insurance schedule to which this cover attaches. If You die Your personal representatives will be covered to pursue or defend cases covered by this section of Your insurance on Your behalf that arose prior to, or as a result of, Your death.

# Cover

## CONTRACT DISPUTES

## What is covered

Costs to pursue a Legal Action following a breach of a contract You have for buying or renting goods or services and selling goods in connection with the Motorhome including the purchase or sale of the Motorhome. 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 breach of contract occurred before You purchased this insurance
- b) Arising from a dispute with any government, public or local authority
- c) 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
- d) Relating to a dispute with any financial services supplier arising from the sale or performance of products and services offered or provided to You.

## 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 be covered subject to the conditions applicable to this insurance.

## 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.

## UNINSURED LOSS RECOVERY

## What is insured

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to pursue uninsured losses arising from a collision causing damage to the Motorhome against those whose negligence has caused You to suffer loss of Your insurance policy excess or other out of pocket expenses.

## 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 the Motorhome.

#### 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 a contract You have entered into



- c) Directly or indirectly arising from:
  - i) Subsidence meaning downward movement of the ground beneath the Motorhome where the movement is unconnected with the weight of the Motorhome
  - ii) Heave meaning the upward or sideways movement of the site on which Motorhome is 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

Advisers' Costs to pursue a Legal Action for financial compensation for damages against a person or organisation that causes physical damage to the Motorhome. The damage must have been caused after You first purchased this insurance.

#### What is not insured

#### Claims

- a) In respect of a contract You have entered into
- b) In respect of works undertaken or to be undertaken by or under the order of any government or public or local authority

## PERSONAL IDENTITY FRAUD

## What is insured

#### Advisers' 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 that You are alleged to have purchased, hired or leased goods or services from 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 You 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 Advisers' 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.

# **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
- c) An application for a judicial review
- d) Defending or pursuing new areas of law or test cases.

#### 4. Sanction Limitation and Exclusion Clause

The **Insurer** shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit under this section of **Your** insurance if the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose it to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

### 5. Cyber Attack Exclusion

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

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

A person who is not a party to this section of 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 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.
- 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.
- c) 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.

#### d) The Adviser will:-

- i) 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.
- e) In the event of a dispute arising as to Advisers' Costs We may require You to change Adviser.
- f) 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.
- g) You shall supply all information requested by the Adviser and Us.
- h) 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.
- i) You must instruct the Adviser to provide Us with all information that We ask for and report to Us as We direct at their own cost.

## 2. Prospects of Success

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

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

## 3. Proportionality

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

#### 4. Disputes

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

### 5. Fraud

In the event of fraud, We:

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



#### 6. Other Insurances

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

#### 7. Cancellation

## Your right to cancel:

This cover is provided automatically as part of Your main insurance contract and cannot be cancelled in isolation. For details on how to cancel Your main insurance contract please contact Your insurance adviser.

#### The Insurer's right to cancel

The **Insurer** 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**. **You** will be entitled to a refund of premium proportionate to the unexpired term of this insurance provided that **You** have not made, and do not intend to make, a claim

The Insurer 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.

### 8. English Law and Language

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

#### 9. Change in Law

Cover under this section of the 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.

# 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 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 https://claims.arclegal.co.uk. 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.

## PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

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

#### 1. Data Protection

Arc Legal Assistance 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 www.arclegal.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 Privacy Statement, which is available to view on the website address detailed above.

## 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. International Transfers of Data

The personal data that We collect from You may be transferred to, processed and stored at, a destination outside the UK and European Economic Area ("EEA"). We currently transfer personal data outside of the UK and EEA to the USA and Israel. Where We transfer Your personal data outside of the UK and EEA, We will take all steps necessary to ensure that it is treated securely and in accordance with this privacy notice and the Legislation.

## 6. 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.

#### 7. 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, AmTrust Specialty Limited please see website for full address details.

## 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

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

## COMPENSATION

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If We fail to carry out Our responsibilities under this section of Your 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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