

## MOTOR INSURANCE

(Ref: Highway Code, p121<sup>1</sup>)

To use a motor vehicle on the road, you **MUST** have a valid insurance policy. This **MUST** at least cover you for injury or damage to a third party while using that motor vehicle. Before driving any motor vehicle, make sure that it has this cover for your use or that your own insurance provides adequate cover. You **MUST NOT** drive a motor vehicle without insurance. Also, be aware that even if a road traffic incident is not your fault, you may still be held liable by insurance companies.

Uninsured drivers can now be automatically detected by roadside cameras.

### Penalties

- Up to a £5,000 fine
- 6 – 8 penalty points
- Potential disqualification
- An offender's vehicle can now be seized by the Police, taken away and crushed

Where a new driver accumulates six or more penalty points before the end of the two-year period (including any points acquired before passing the test) their licence will be revoked automatically. To regain the licence they must reapply for a provisional licence and may drive only as a learner until they pass a further driving test.

### Types

The types of cover available are:

#### Third-party insurance

This is often the cheapest form of insurance, and is the minimum cover required by law. It covers anyone you might injure or whose property you might damage. It does not cover damage to your own motor vehicle or injury to yourself.

#### Third-party, Fire and Theft insurance

Similar to third-party, but also covers you against your motor vehicle being stolen, or damaged by fire.

#### Comprehensive insurance

This is the most expensive but the best insurance. Apart from covering other persons and property against injury or damage, it also covers damage to your own motor vehicle, up to the market value of that vehicle, and personal injury to yourself.