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LEGAL EXPENSES AND
UNINSURED LOSS RECOVERY
SUMMARY AND POLICY





WHY YOU NEED DASDRIVE LEGAL PROTECTION

- PERSONAL INJURY COVER
- RECOVERY OF UNINSURED LOSSES
- REPLACEMENT HIRE VEHICLE
- EUROPEAN LEGAL PROTECTION
- MOTOR LEGAL ADVICE HELPLINE SERVICE

DASDrive Plus legal protection is designed to help you if a motor accident was not your fault and you have suffered an injury or incurred other losses which are not covered under your motor insurance policy, or you need a replacement hire vehicle.

WELCOME TO DASDRIVE PLUS LEGAL PROTECTION

There's no doubt that any legal dispute, especially when related to a motor accident, can be both expensive and highly stressful. This is where DASDrive Plus legal protection can help. We give you peace of mind and an unrivalled pedigree of expertise and experience, all at low cost.

You will have the support and expertise of legal and insurance professionals who truly understand the law and claims processes inside out.

ABOUT DAS

As Europe's market leader and the UK's largest legal expenses insurance company, DAS has an enviable reputation to maintain. Our legal and insurance professionals are all experts in their field, with in-depth knowledge of how the legal system works for both claimants and defendants. These professionals and the experience DAS has gained from over 30 years in business combine to give you a clear and decisive legal advantage. From the moment you call us, our specially trained motor claims handlers will assist you with all aspects of your claim.

HOW WE WILL HELP

Giving a brief description of your claim to the Motor Claims Centre will enable them to ensure it is handled as quickly and efficiently as possible.

LEGAL PROTECTION

If you are involved in an accident that was not your fault, you have a legal right to claim back any losses which are not covered under your motor insurance policy from the person who caused the accident. With DASDrive Plus legal protection, we will endeavour to recover these and give you the security of knowing that your problem rests in our hands.

Uninsured losses can include the following:

- Compensation for bodily injury or death of any person travelling in or on your vehicle.
- Your policy 'excess' under your comprehensive motor insurance policy. If we can recover your losses in full, your no-claims bonus should not be affected.
- Accident repair costs if you do not have comprehensive insurance cover.
- Compensation for damage to personal property belonging to any person travelling in or on your vehicle.

Often, our fully trained and experienced motor claims handlers can negotiate full recovery of your claim outside the courts. If this is not possible, or where bodily injury is involved, we refer your case to a lawyer for further action. We pay all costs up to £100,000 for each claim, including solicitors' and barristers' fees, court costs and expenses for expert witnesses.

VEHICLE HIRE

If the accident was entirely the other person's fault, and your vehicle cannot be driven, we can arrange to supply you with a replacement hire vehicle.



POLICY SUMMARY

This policy summary provides key information about DasDrive Plus legal protection, which you should read. It does not contain full terms and conditions of the policy, which you can find in the DASDrive Plus legal protection policy document. Unless otherwise agreed with the person who sells you this insurance, your cover will be valid for one year.

DASDrive legal protection is a legal expenses insurance contract which helps you to recover uninsured losses and costs from the person responsible following a motor accident.

DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited ('DAS') is the underwriter and provides the legal protection insurance under your policy. The legal advice service is provided by DAS Law Limited and/or a preferred law firm on behalf of DAS. The handling of your claim, via the Motor Claims Centre is provided by DAS Law Limited on behalf of DAS.

FFATURES AND BENEFITS

We will resolve an insured legal problem, either ourselves or through external lawyers and other experts that we will appoint.

We will appoint our preferred choice of law firm to deal with your claim and will pay their costs and expenses, which include opponents' costs.

SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS

- There are reasonable prospects of success for the duration of the claim.
- The most we will pay for all claims resulting from one or more events arising at the same time or from the same originating cause is £100,000.
- If you want to use your choice of law firm, any costs they incur above what we would have paid our preferred law firm will be your responsibility. We will not pay them.
- Costs incurred before we have accepted a claim.
- Unless we agree to start legal proceedings or there is a conflict of interest, we are free to choose the representative who will help you.

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1. UNINSURED LOSS RECOVERY AND PERSONAL INJURY

We, or if we agree it is necessary, external lawyers that we will appoint, will negotiate to recover uninsured losses and costs following an event which:

- a) causes damage to your vehicle or to personal property in it; **or**
- b) Bodily injuries or causes the death of you or your passengers whilst travelling in or on the insured vehicle.

SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS

- It must be more likely than not that the insured person will recover damages.
- Anyone claiming must be in or on your vehicle with your permission when the damage and/or injury is caused.
- Your vehicle being used by anyone, with your permission, who does not have valid motor insurance.

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2. REPLACEMENT HIRE VEHICLE

We can arrange to supply you with a replacement hire vehicle following an accident involving your vehicle and another vehicle.

SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS

- This service is available in England and Wales, on the mainland of Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey.
- Replacement vehicle hire costs are payable only if the accident was entirely the other person's fault and your vehicle cannot be driven.
- We will choose the vehicle hire company and the type of vehicle to be hired.
- We will decide how long a vehicle can be hired for.
- You must tell us as soon as the insured vehicle becomes available for you to drive again.
- A replacement hire vehicle will only be provided if you meet the age and licensing rules of the vehicle hire company we choose and you must follow any terms and conditions of hire.
- We are unable to provide a replacement hire vehicle if the driver at fault cannot be identified or traced.

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3. TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Legal advice service: For legal protection: UK, EU member states and other specific European nations.

Countries covered: For legal protection: UK, EU member states and other specific European nations.

For replacement vehicle hire: England and Wales, the mainland of Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey.

Law that applies: This policy is governed by the law that applies in the part of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man where you normally live. Otherwise the law of England and Wales applies.

SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS

 Calls for advice in countries outside of England and Wales are available 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public and bank holidays.

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CANCELLATION RIGHTS

We hope you are happy with the cover DASDrive Plus legal protection provides. However, you can cancel the policy without notice within the duration of the startrescue.co.uk breakdown policy. We can cancel this policy at any time as long as we give you at least 14 days' notice.

MAKING A CLAIM

You must give DAS details of any claim as soon as possible.

Act quickly after an accident and call us on 0333 320 2494 to report a claim.

If you are calling outside of the UK, please phone us on +44 29 2085 4069.

The telephone line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Motor Claims Centre is available 8am-8pm, Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm Saturday and 9am-5pm on bank holidays (excluding Christmas Day and New Year's Day). If you call outside these times we will take details of your claim and call you back.

POLICY WORDING

MOTOR LEGAL ADVICE

Call **0333 320 2494** quoting reference 6817204.

We will provide an insured person with confidential legal advice over the phone on any motoring issue, under the laws of any European Union country, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Switzerland and Norway.

Advice about the law in England and Wales is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Legal advice for the other countries is available 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public and bank holidays. If you call outside these times, we will call you back.

To help us check and improve our service standards, we record all inbound and outbound calls.

When phoning, please quote reference 6817204 and the name of the insurance provider startrescue.co.uk

We cannot accept responsibility if the legal advice helpline service is unavailable for reasons we cannot control.

DEFINITIONS

appointed representative

The preferred law firm, law firm or other suitably qualified person we will appoint to act on an insured person's behalf.

costs and expenses

- a) All reasonable and necessary costs chargeable by the **appointed representative** and agreed by us in accordance with the **DAS Standard terms of appointment**.
- b) The costs incurred by opponents in civil cases if an **insured person** has been ordered to pay them, or pays them with our agreement.

countries covered

The European Union, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Albania, Andorra, Bosnia Herzegovina, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.

DAS Standard terms of appointment

The terms and conditions (including the amount we will pay to an **Appointed representative**) that apply to the claim, which could include a conditional fee agreement (no-win, no-fee).



insured person

You, and any passenger or driver who is in or on the **insured vehicle** with your permission. Anyone claiming under this policy must have your agreement to claim.

insured vehicle

The motor vehicle(s) covered by the startrescue.co.uk motor breakdown policy to which this policy attaches. It also includes any caravan or trailer attached to the vehicle(s).

motor claims centre

This centre carries out recovery, hire and repair services and deals with the administration of your claim. These services are provided by DAS Law Limited on behalf of DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

period of insurance

The duration of your startrescue.co.uk breakdown policy.

preferred law firm

A law firm or barristers' chambers we choose to provide legal services.

These legal specialists are chosen as they have the proven expertise to deal with an **insured person's** claim and must comply with our agreed service standard levels, which **we** audit regularly. They are appointed according to the **DAS Standard terms of appointment**.

reasonable prospects

The prospects that an **insured person** will recover losses or damages, make a successful defence or make a successful appeal or defence of an appeal, must be at least 51%. **We**, or a **preferred law firm** on our behalf, will assess whether there are **reasonable prospects**.

uninsured losses

Losses which an **insured person** has incurred as a result of a road traffic accident which was not their fault, and which are not covered under the motor insurance to which this policy attaches.

we, us, our, DAS

DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

you, your

The person who has taken out this policy (the policyholder).

YOUR POLICY

DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited ('DAS') is the underwriter and provides the legal protection insurance under your policy. The legal advice service is provided by DAS Law Limited and/or a **preferred law firm** on behalf of DAS. The handling of your claim, via the **motor claims centre** is provided by DAS Law Limited on behalf of DAS.

If you are involved in an accident which was not your fault, **we** will help you recover your uninsured losses from the person who caused the accident, either through the **motor claims centre** or by appointing a lawyer. **Uninsured losses** could include the cost of repairing or replacing the **insured vehicle**, your motor insurance policy excess, compensation following injury or other out-of-pocket expenses.

If the accident was entirely the other person's fault, we can arrange to supply you with a comparable replacement vehicle via a hire agreement and we will recover the vehicle rental charges from the person who was at fault. We will do so only if you meet the hire company's conditions of hire and you sign an agreement. For us to provide a replacement hire vehicle the driver at fault must be identified or traced. This service is available on the mainland of England, Wales and Scotland only.

Where the driver at fault is uninsured or cannot be traced, we will assist you in making a claim to the Motor Insurers' Bureau.



HOW TO CONTACT US

Phone us on **0333 320 2494** as soon as possible after your accident to speak with one of our dedicated customer claims handlers. If you are calling outside of the UK, please phone us on **+44 29 2085 4069**, quoting reference 6817204.

If you wish to speak to our legal teams about a legal problem related to motoring, please phone us on **0333 320 2494** quoting reference 6817204. **We** will ask you about your legal issue and if necessary call you back to give you legal advice.

Please do not ask for help from a lawyer before we have agreed. If you do, we will not pay the costs involved even if we accept the claim.

THE INSURANCE AGREEMENT

We agree to provide the insurance described in this policy, in return for you keeping to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations set out in this policy, provided that:

- 1. reasonable prospects exist for the duration of the claim
- 2. the insured incident happens during the **period of insurance**
- 3. any legal proceedings will be dealt with by a court, or other body which we agree to, within the countries covered, and
- 4. the insured incident happens within the countries covered.

1. UNINSURED LOSS RECOVERY

What we will pay

We will pay an appointed representative, on behalf of an insured person, costs and expenses incurred to recover uninsured losses after an event which causes:

- a) damage to the insured vehicle and to any property in or on the insured vehicle belonging to an insured person; and/or
- b) death or bodily injury to an insured person whilst travelling in or on the insured vehicle.

Provided that:

- i) the most we will pay for all claims resulting from one or more event arising at the same time or from the same originating cause is £100.000
- ii. the most we will pay in costs and expenses is no more than the amount we would have paid to a preferred law firm
- iii. in respect of an appeal or the defence of an appeal, the **insured person** must tell us within the time limits allowed that they want to appeal. Before **we** pay the **costs and expenses** for appeals, **we** must agree that **reasonable prospects** exist
- iv. where an award of damages is the only legal remedy to a dispute and the cost of pursuing legal action is likely to be more than any award of damages, the most we will pay in costs and expenses is the value of the likely award.

What we will not pay

In the event of a claim, if an **insured person** decides not to use the services of a **preferred law firm**, they will be responsible for any costs that fall outside the **DAS Standard terms of appointment** and these will not be paid by us.

2. REPLACEMENT HIRE VEHICLE

What we will pay

We will make the arrangements for vehicle hire for you within the countries covered and we will pay your vehicle hire costs following an accident involving the insured vehicle and another vehicle, as long as:

- a) the insured vehicle cannot be driven, and
- b) the accident was entirely the other person's fault.

Provided that:

- i. You must agree to us trying to recover any vehicle hire costs in your name, and any costs
- ii. recovered must be paid to us.
- iii. We will choose the vehicle hire company and the type of vehicle to be hired.



- iv. We will decide how long a vehicle can be hired for.
- v. You must tell us as soon as the insured vehicle becomes available for you to drive again.
- vi. You must meet the age and licensing rules of the vehicle hire company we choose and must follow any terms and conditions of hire.

What we will not pay

- 1. Vehicle hire costs if you are claiming against a person who does not have valid motor insurance or cannot be identified or traced; or
- 2. Vehicle hire costs when you make your own arrangements for vehicle hire after an insured incident.

POLICY EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay for the following:

1. Late reported claims

A claim where the **insured person** has failed to notify us of the insured incident within a reasonable time of it happening and where this failure adversely affects the **reasonable prospects** of a claim or **we** consider our position has been prejudiced.

2. Costs we have not agreed

Costs and expenses incurred before our acceptance of a claim.

3. Court awards and fines

Fines, penalties, compensation or damages that a court or other authority orders an insured person to pay.

4. Legal action we have not agreed

Any legal action an **insured person** takes that **we** or the **appointed representative** have not agreed to, or where an **insured person** does anything that hinders us or the **appointed representative**.

5. Contractual disputes

Any claim relating to a contract involving the insured vehicle.

6. Uninsured drivers

The insured vehicle being used by anyone, with your permission, who does not have valid motor insurance.

7. A dispute with DAS

A dispute with us not otherwise dealt with under policy condition 8.

8. Judicial review

Costs and expenses arising from or relating to judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry.

9. Nuclear, war and terrorism risks

A claim caused by, contributed to by or arising from:

- a) ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel
- b) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear part of it
- c) war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military force or coup, or any other act of terrorism or alleged act of terrorism as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000
- d) pressure waves caused by aircraft or any other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

10. Litigant in person

Any claim where an **insured person** is not represented by a law firm or barrister.

POLICY CONDITIONS

1. An insured person's legal representation

- a) On receiving a claim, if legal representation is necessary, we will appoint a preferred law firm or in-house lawyer as an insured person's appointed representative to deal with their claim. They will try to settle the insured person's claim by negotiation without having to go to court.
- b) If the appointed **preferred law firm** or our in-house lawyer cannot negotiate settlement of the **insured person's** claim and it is necessary to go to court and legal proceedings are issued or there is a conflict of interest, then the **insured person** may choose a law firm to act as the **appointed representative**.
- c) If the insured person chooses a law firm as their appointed representative who is not a preferred law firm, we will give the insured person's choice of law firm the opportunity to act on the same terms as a preferred law firm. However if they refuse to act on this basis, the most we will pay is the amount we would have paid if they had agreed to the DAS Standard terms of appointment.
- d) The appointed representative must co-operate with us at all times and must keep us up to date with the progress of the claim.
- 2. An insured person's responsibilities
 - a) An insured person must co-operate fully with us and the appointed representative.
 - b) An insured person must give the appointed representative any instructions that we ask them to.



3. Offers to settle a claim

- a) An **insured person** must tell us if anyone offers to settle a claim. An **insured person** must not negotiate or agree to a settlement without our written consent.
- b) If an insured person does not accept a reasonable offer to settle a claim, we may refuse to pay further legal costs.
- c) We may decide to pay the insured person the reasonable value of their claim, instead of starting or continuing legal action. In these circumstances the insured person must allow us to take over and pursue or settle any claim in their name. The insured person must also allow us to pursue at our own expense and for our own benefit, any claim for compensation against any other person and the insured person must give us all the information and help we need to do so.
- d) Where a settlement is made on a without-costs basis **we** will decide what proportion of that settlement will be regarded as **costs and expenses** and payable to us.

4. Assessing and recovering costs

- a) An insured person must instruct the appointed representative to have legal costs taxed, assessed or audited if we ask for this.
- b) An insured person must take every step to recover costs and expenses that we have to pay and must pay us any amounts that are recovered.

5. Cancelling an appointed representative's appointment

If the appointed representative refuses to continue acting for an insured person with good reason, or if the insured person dismisses the appointed representative without good reason, the cover we provide will end immediately, unless we agree to appoint another appointed representative.

6. Withdrawing cover

If an **insured person** settles or withdraws a claim without our agreement, or does not give suitable instructions to the **appointed representative**, **we** can withdraw cover and will be entitled to reclaim from the **insured person** any **costs and expenses we** have paid.

7. Expert opinion

We may require the **insured person** to get, at their own expense, an opinion from an expert that **we** consider appropriate, on the merits of the claim or proceedings, or on a legal principle. The expert must be approved in advance by us and the cost agreed in writing between you and us. Subject to this, **we** will pay the cost of getting the opinion if the expert's opinion indicates that it is more likely than not that an **insured person** will recover damages (or obtain any other legal remedy that **we** have agreed to) or make a successful defence.

8. Arbitration

If there is a disagreement between an **insured person** and us about the handling of a claim and it is not resolved through our internal complaints procedure, the **insured person** can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service for help. Alternatively there is a separate arbitration process. The arbitrator will be a barrister chosen jointly by the **insured person** and us. If there is a disagreement over the choice of arbitrator, we will ask the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to decide.

9. Keeping to the policy terms

An **insured person** must:

- a) keep to the terms and conditions of this policy
- b) take reasonable steps to avoid and prevent claims
- c) take reasonable steps to avoid incurring unnecessary costs
- d) send everything we ask for, in writing, and
- e) report to us full and factual details of any claim as soon as possible and give us any information we need.

10. Cancelling the policy

You can cancel this policy by telling us within the duration of the startrescue.co.uk breakdown policy. **We** can cancel this policy at any time as long as **we** tell you at least 14 days beforehand.

11. Fraudulent claims

We will, at our discretion, void the policy (make it invalid) from its start date or from the date of claim, or alleged claim, or we will not pay the claim if:

a) a claim an insured person has made to obtain benefit under this policy is fraudulent or intentionally exaggerated, or b) a false declaration or statement is made in support of a claim.

12. Claims under this policy by a third party

Apart from us, the **insured person** is the only person who may enforce all or any part of this policy and the rights and interests arising from or connected with it. This means that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 does not apply to the policy in relation to any third-party rights or interest.

13. Other insurances

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another 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.



14. Law that applies

This policy is governed by the law that applies in the part of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man where you normally live. Otherwise, the law of England and Wales applies.

All Acts of Parliament mentioned in this policy include equivalent laws in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands as appropriate.

DATA PROTECTION

To provide and administer the legal advice service and legal expenses insurance **we** must process your personal data (including sensitive personal data) that **we** collect from you in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

To do so, we may need to send your information to other parties, such as lawyers or other experts, the court, insurance intermediaries, insurance companies, appointed service providers or members of the DAS UK Group. To give you legal advice, we may have to send information outside the European Economic Area.

In doing this, **we** will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. Unless required by law or by a professional body, **we** will not disclose your personal data to any other person or organisation without your written consent.

For any questions or comments, or requests to see a copy of the information **we** hold about you, please write to the Group Data Protection Controller at our DAS Head Office address – please see page 10.

HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

We always aim to give you a high quality service. If you think **we** have let you down, please write to our Customer Relations Department at our DAS Head Office address — please see page 10.

Or you can phone us on 0333 320 2494 or email us at Customerrelations@das.co.uk

Details of our internal complaint-handling procedures are available on request.

If you are still not satisfied, you can contact the Insurance Division of the Financial Ombudsman Service at: Exchange Tower | Harbour Exchange Square | London | E14 9SR

You can also contact them on: 0800 023 4567 (free from a landline), 0300 123 9123 (free from some mobile phones) or email them at complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Your complaint may be more suitably handled by a comparable complaints scheme, the ¬-Legal Ombudsman Service. You can contact the Legal Ombudsman Service at: PO Box 6806 | Wolverhampton | WV1 9WJ.

You can also contact them by telephone on 0300 555 0333 or email them at enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.legalombudsman.org.uk

Using these services does not affect your right to take legal action.



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