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INSURANCE BROKERS INC.

Emerging Technologies
and
Ontario Automobile Policy
Existing Rules and Regulations

Who Is Insured? For What?

TAXI CAB

- OAP 1
- 1.8
- 1.8.1 The General Exclusions are removed by purchasing the following endorsements:
- **OPCF6A** Permission to Carry Paying Passengers
- **OPCF6C** Public Passenger Vehicles

PRIVATE VEHICLE

OAP 1

1.8

1.8.1 GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

Except for certain **Accident Benefits** coverage, there is no coverage under this policy if:

The automobile is used to carry explosives or radioactive materials; or

The automobile is used as a taxicab, bus, sightseeing, conveyance or to carry paying passengers.

What does this mean?

- Taxi Cabs
 - Regulated by Municipalities
 - Criminal Background Checks completed
 - Defensive Driving courses and refreshers
 - Must meet set requirements and standards to obtain Taxi Cab license
 - The Standards and Regulations form part of the underwriting guidelines for Taxi Cab insurance programs

What does this mean?

- **PRIVATE VEHICLE:**

- The standard Ontario Auto Policy excludes coverage when the automobile is used to carry paying passengers or used as a taxi.
- Refer to the Exclusions of 108 of OAP
- Are you protected against certain liabilities, damages and losses?
- Does your policy protect you, the customer, and the public?

UBERX SAFETY IN CANADA

BEST IN CLASS INSURANCE

- Every ride on the uberX platform in Canada is backed by US\$5,000,000 of **contingent** auto liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage. In the event of an accident during an uberX trip, passengers, pedestrians, other drivers, and the community at large can rest assured knowing that ridesharing partners are well covered by commercial auto insurance in addition to any insurance coverage maintained by the driver. This US\$5,000,000 of coverage is more than two times the standard requirement for taxi and limo insurance in Toronto and is written by an insurance company rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best.

(**Reference:** uber.com September 8, 2014 By Rachel)

*****We can only assume that by definition of “contingent” This insurance is contingent on the driver having commercial auto liability insurance.*****

Interested in driving for hire?

- As a regular driver (not a commercial driver) your personal auto insurance is not purchased on the basis of being compensated; if it were, the expectation is full-disclosure to your insurer.
- Therefore, if anything should happen while taxiing someone as an unregulated driver, there are two major questions to keep in mind:

(1) Is your insurance valid?

(2) And, if the insurance is not void (despite failing to disclose the use of your own personal vehicle for compensation) do you have adequate insurance coverage? (Recommended minimum of \$2 million liability)

Each day we drive people around using our own personal vehicles. The difference in the Drive for Hire case is that your personal insurance could become void as a result of non-disclosure to your insurer.

Recommendations

- **Still interested in driving an unregulated car for hire?
Here are steps we recommend you take:**
- (1) Consult an insurance expert ALWAYS!
- (2) Ensure full disclosure to your insurer, to guarantee you have adequate insurance in place if you plan to taxi people around for compensation.
- (3) Add a OPCF 6A&6C– Permission to Carry Passengers for Compensation endorsement to your policy (this would give you protection in case you have an accident involving a fare paying passenger.)

KEEP IN MIND

Insurance Rules are simple:

When you use your private vehicle as a taxi, you breach the conditions of your Insurance policy.

- Licenced Taxi drivers are the only regulated operators for hire
- Unregulated cars for hire could be unsafe.
- Unregulated cars for hire are not licensed or inspected on a regular basis.
- Unregulated cars for hire cars do not meet any of the safety requirements established by Canadian municipalities.
- Unregulated cars for hire do not have cameras or any identifiable numbering.
- Should you have questions, please contact our office at 905-629-4649

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Ride-Sharing



Ride-sharing services use an online app to connect passengers with drivers using their personal vehicles. **Sounds simple, right?** But the services may significantly impact your insurance coverage.

Ride-Sharing Drivers & Passengers:

The standard Ontario Automobile Policy **excludes coverage** when the automobile is used to carry paying passengers or used as a taxi.



Protect yourself as a user

You may not be protected against certain **damages, losses and liabilities**. Know if you're covered — **ask your driver**.



Protect yourself as a driver

If you are intending to participate in a ride-sharing service as a driver, you should **check with your auto insurance representative** to ensure you have proper insurance that protects the driver, passenger and others.



It's also a good idea to seek independent legal advice **before you sign on**.



Ensure you are fully informed before participating in a ride-sharing service.



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