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## **ATE Insurance FAQ's for clients**

### **What is ATE Insurance?**

ATE is cover taken out after whatever you are making a claim for has taken place e.g After you have been involved in an accident

### **What Does It Cover?**

Usually ATE covers your opponents costs if you do not win the case along with any disbursements (fixed costs) incurred by you or your solicitor/barrister in running the case. These could include medical reports, experts fees, court fees etc.

### **Why do I Need it?**

With any litigation there is always a risk. In most cases if you lose your case then you will have to pay all of the costs incurred by your opponent's solicitors and barristers, all of their disbursements and possibly all of your own disbursements as well. This could easily run into tens of thousands of pounds. An ATE policy will pay all of these costs for you if you lose.

### **How Much Does It Cost?**

The cost of cover is worked out individually on each case and is based on the risk of losing and the level of cover required. The premium is usually split into 3 stages. Stage 1 is the initial stage of the claim, before proceedings are issued. Stage 2 is reached when proceedings are issued and served. Stage 3 is reached 65 days before the case goes to trial. The cost of cover goes up at each stage but this is outlined in your individual quotation.

### **How Do I Pay For The Cover?**

All of the premiums are deferred and contingent upon success. This means that the premium is not payable until the case is finished and then IT IS ONLY PAYABLE IF YOU WIN. If you lose the case not only does the policy cover all of your costs but the premium is waived so you do not pay anything.