CONSUMER BEAT Auto accidents: insurance repaired

Being injured in a car accident is always a traumatic experience, especially if the injuries are permanent. At least a generous court settlement is a comforting compensation. Or in it?

What if the driver at fault carries only the minimum \$100,000 third party liability - the part of the car insurance that covers such accidents? One solution

With dramatically rising medical, auto repair, auto replacement and loss of income costs, courts are awarding ever higher settlements. But not being able to collect such judgments only adds insult to

the accident victim's injuries.

Finally, however, there is a solution. It's called the Underingured Motorist Endorsement, and Ontario is the first province in Canada to implement it.

For a small extra premium, your own insurance company will pay you the difference between your judgment and the liability insurance limit carried by the motorist at fault, up to your own liability insurance limit.

To use the previous example: If you had a liability insurance limit of \$500,000. your own insurance company would pay you the missing \$300,000 - the difference between the other motorist's limit of \$100,000 and the

judgment of \$400,000. If your own liability insurance limit is \$200,000, however, then your own insurance company, would pay you only-\$100,000. In other words, the higher your liability insurance limit, the better your chance of obtaining a complete settlement.

In most instances, your automobile insurance policy covers you, your spouse and your dependents if injured in a car accident - whether you are injured while in your own car, in another car or as a pedestrian. The Underinsured Motorist Endorsement will apply in similar circumstances. This endorsement does not

apply, however, if:

though owned by you, does be eliminatell. . not have the Underingured Motorist Endorsement; or your spouse or dependents are injured in their own cars for which they did not ourchuse this endorsement.

Other occupants of your ear who become injured while tive March 1, 1981. riding in your car will only get the left-over amount of the settlement once you and/or your family members have received your settlement. In other words, you and your family members will always have priority of payment over other occupants of your car in ;

If every registered car owner in Ontario carried the Underinsured Motorist Endorsement for each car, and if all car owners carried a higher-than-minimum third party liability insurance, most

No matter what crime a

rende commits - whether it

theft; vandalism or drug

trafficking - he or she has

committed a delinquency and

will be dealt with in the

manner just described. The

rare exception, as mentioned,

is where the 15-year-old juve-

nile commits an indictable

offence. His or her case may

then be tried in adult court, in

the manner described in the introductory part of this

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of the financial burden resulting from car accidents could

Realizing that the current compulsory \$100,000 minimum third party liability coverage no longer reflects today's realities, the Ontario government has raised that minimum to \$200,000, effec-

Already 81 per cent of Ontario motorista carry the new \$200,000 minimum or more, which means that only the 19 per cent of motorists now insured for \$100,000 any will pay about a five per cent increase in premiums resulting from this doubling of the

Ask your insurance agent about the rates for the Underinsured Motorist Endorsement and higher minimum third party liability coverage. Protect yourself to the same extent that you have chosen to protect others. Just a few extra dollars per year will assure peace of mind and financial security in case of an

Any complaints or questions about insurance may be referred to: Information Claims and Policy Inquiry, Financial Institutions Division, Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, 555 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. M7A 2H6; telephone (416)

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Drugs and the law:

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DRUGS AND YOUTH: "Juvenile" Offenders By MARCIA MacDOUGALL

It is an offence for a juvenile, like an adult, to possesss, traffle in, possess with intent to traffic in, export, import, grow or manufacture a controlled or a restricted drug or a narcotic. (The only exception is that noted in Part 1: it is not an offence to possess a small amount of a controlled drug.) However, if a juvenile commits any of these illegal acts, he or she will not be found guilty of a crime, but merely of a "delinquency".

The federal Juvenile Delinquents Act regulates the manner in which juvenile offenders are dealt with, and works on the premise that a juvenile is not to be treated as though he or she were a criminal, but instead is to be given help, guidance and proper supervision.

It should be noted that if a juvenile over the age of 14 has committed a very serious (indictable) offence, it is possible for a juvenile court to order that he or she be tried in adult court. However, the juvenile court must be convinced that such a move would be in the best interests of the teenager and society. Usually an order for adult court will not be

made for a drug offence. In keeping with this "juvenile delinquents are not criminais" theory, the atmosphere in juvenile court is much less formal than in adult court. Procedural and evidentiary safeguards are relaxed somewhat in an attempt to encourage all parties to speak freely so that the judge may ultimately give directions that will help the juvenile lead a

better life. Parties who must be present before the judge at the juvenile delinquent's trial (or "hearing" . the preferred term) are the juvenile himself, at least one parent or guardian, and the probation officer assigned to investigate the juvenile's home and school life before the case is heard. The judge may also here from

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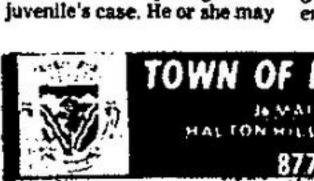
instance, a psychologist or social worker. The particular sentence (or -range from a mere warning

"help") a juvenile delinquent will receive will depend largely on two factors; the probation officer's report and the particular judge bearing the case (no jury is permitted in juvenile court). The probation officer's report on the juvenile includes information on parents, home life, school performance and whether or not there have been any past delinquencies. The probation officer will also make a recommendation in the report as to what should be done if the juvenile is found to have

committed a delinquency. The judge has very wide discretion in disposing of the

requires supervision, or one that does not. Dispositions with no juvenile record (an order of sine die) to placement in reform school. The judge's decision on how to deal with the case is usually strongly influenced by the probation

officer's report. In most cases, a juvenile who is found to have committed a delinquency will receive a juvenile record. After he or she turns 16, this juvenile record will form part of his or her criminal record: A record of juvenile delinquencies may influence the sentence handed down by a judge on subsequent criminal conviction, or affect the teenager's ability to emigrate or obtain a job that entails bonding.



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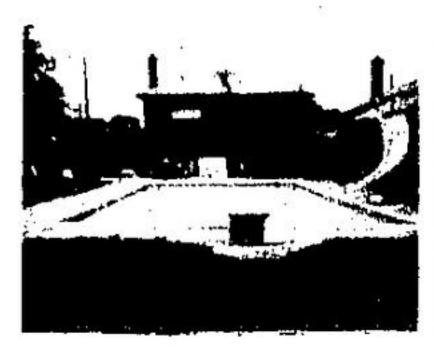


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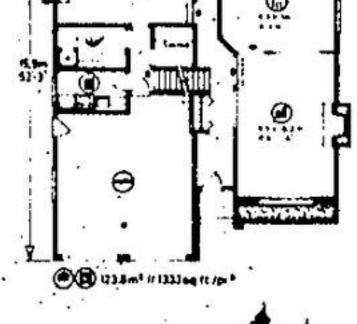
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