Everything Auto Insurance: THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS FULL COVERAGE!!!

- Do I have to carry (purchase) auto insurance?
 - Short answer: Yes
 - Long answer: The state of Washington requires all drivers to carry auto insurance. 25/50/10 (Individual/Incident/Prop. Damage)
 - □ Anything over these amounts YOU STILL PAY.
 - 1 day in the hospital is about \$2,200.00
 - 1 day in ICU is about \$4,000.00
 - Consider 100/300/100 with a high deductible (more on this later)
 - Beyond that, if you have an auto loan, you'll be required to carry auto insurance by your lender.
 - Not carrying auto insurance can cause bankruptcies. From:

 Medical bills (your own and others')

- □ Property damage
- □ Lawsuits
 - Lost wages, pain and suffering, mental anguish...

- How much will it cost me?
 - \circ Short answer: a lot
 - Long answer: Auto insurance cost can vary according to:
 - What types you carry
 - Liability sometimes called collision (the required one by WA)
 - Comprehensive (the required one by lenders) - you can't get this one without also paying for liability
 - Uninsured/underinsured motorist (insurance on your insurance)
 - How old you are. (driving experience)
 - What kind of grades you get (believe it or not!)
 - Your gender
 - What you drive
 - Your credit score
 - Your driving history/record.

What are those different kinds of insurance?
 Liability (sometimes called collision).

- Collision with another vehicle
- Collision with an object
- Single car rollover
- This is what pays for damage you have done IF you are at fault
- Ever heard of "no fault insurance"?
 - Does not occur here in WA
 - Means no matter who is at fault you pay (or your insurance pays) to repair your own vehicle.
 - Only 12 states are considered "no fault"

- $\circ\,$ Liability continued.
 - Liability is sometimes determined by how much damage your vehicle COULD do
 - Meaning if you drive a motorcycle you can't do as much damage if you hit someone/something than if you drive a 1 ton dually.
 - This is what takes into account your age (driving experience) and grades.
- Bodily injury coverage
 - This is what pays for the medical bills, funeral expenses, lost income, and pain and suffering for those people you've hurt in an accident.
 - This will NOT cover your own injuries if you are found to be at fault. (remember this is part of liability)

- Comprehensive covers things not associated with you causing an accident.
 - □ Theft
 - \square Vandalism
 - \Box Fire
 - Natural disasters
 - □ Falling objects
 - □ Damage by animals
 - Civil disturbance
 - Required by lender
 - If you own your car free and clear, this is optional.
 - Limited to the value of your vehicle (at the time of the claim)

• Uninsured/underinsured motorists' insurance ??!?!?

• Think insurance for others.

- Is 25/50/10 (state requirements) enough insurance in today's marketplace?
 - If someone else hits you and puts you into the hospital and only caries the minimum liability insurance, you still need to pay for the rest of your bills. UM is what covers the rest.
 - □ Also covers
 - hit-and-run (sometimes)
 - Your passengers
- Uninsured/Underinsured motorists **Property** insurance.
 - Insurance for others for your car.
 - This is separate from UM.
- Alternatives to UM and UMPI:
 - Sue those at fault. (if they have the money to pay)

- Paying for your insurance
 - Premiums vs deductibles
 - □ Premiums your monthly bill (fixed expense)
 - Paying monthly means you are carrying auto insurance.
 - Deductibles what you pay when something happens.
 (variable expense)
 - Changing your deductibles is the best way to adjust your monthly premiums - remember premiums are a monthly bill.

- ♦ The higher your deductible, the lower your premiums.
- ♦ The lower your deductible, the higher your premiums.
 - If you believe you are a good driver, raise your liability insurance deductible
 - If you own your car, consider not carrying Comprehensive insurance.



- Back to those slash lines.....
 - Individual/Incident/Prop. Damage
 - State requirements (25/50/10)
 - The cost to raise these values really isn't very much.
 - $\circ\,$ Most customers only carry the state minimum
 - Carriers embed 90% of their costs in these minimums
 - I saw my insurance raise from about \$150 to \$180 to raise my slash line. (this was a LOOOOOONG time ago)
- Ask your insurance about discounts
 - Good student
 - Good driver
 - Multi-policy
 - Auto, home/renters, life
- Consider Umbrella policy
 - Usually only available to customers that hold multiple policies.



- \$1,000,000 for around \$50-\$75 a month.
- Worth it once you own property.

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