## **Automobile Insurance: The Basics**



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## Procedure/Lecture Outline

- 1) Have students complete The Path of an Insurance Claim Worksheet
- 2) The teacher will show Choice Chance Control video clip <a href="http://www.theiei.org/edu/materials/ccc/1.wmv">http://www.theiei.org/edu/materials/ccc/1.wmv</a>
- 3) Present the Power Point Presentation
  - a. A common mistake when shopping for automobile insurance is looking only at the price between two policies
  - b. Policies differ from policy to policy and company to company
  - c. 5 parts to an insurance policy:
    - i. Declarations
    - ii. Coverages
    - iii. Exclusions
    - iv. Conditions
    - v. Definitions
  - d. Declarations
    - i. Lists important personal policy information and is unique to each individual insured
      - 1. Contains personal information:
      - 2. name
      - 3. address
      - 4. vehicle make and model
      - 5. vehicle identification number
      - 6. types of coverages
      - 7. policy limits
      - 8. deductible amounts
  - e. Coverage Parts/Insuring Agreement
    - i. Outlines the coverage options and coverage limits purchased
    - ii. In short, what your insurance company promises to provide in return for your payment, based on the coverages and coverage limits selected
  - f. Exclusions
    - i. Details what is *not* covered by the policy
  - g. Conditions
    - i. Define the insured's and the insurer's duties that, under the terms of the policy, must be fulfilled
      - 1. Includes:
        - a. premium payment obligations
        - b. steps to filing a claim
        - c. procedures for resolving a claim
  - h. Definitions
    - i. Explains specific terms used throughout the policy
      - 1. Examples:
        - a. "You" or "Your" refers to the "Named Insured"
        - b. "We" or "Us" or "Our" refers to the insurance company
        - c. "Family Member" refers to a resident of your household

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- i. Accidents
  - i. Chances are even if you are never in an accident you will witness one
  - ii. What should you do if you are involved in an accident?
- j. Steps to take after an accident
  - i. Help anyone who is injured
    - 1. You have an ethical and legal responsibility
  - ii. Notify the police
  - iii. Prevent further accidents
  - iv. Protect the accident scene
  - v. Record information
    - 1. Exchange information with the parties involved
    - 2. Take note of time, location, weather, and road conditions
- k. Filing a claim
  - i. It is important that the accident is reported promptly to the insurance agent or company
  - ii. The policy will guide the insured on the correct steps to take to report the claim
  - iii. The company will guide the insured through the process
  - iv. When you are liable for an accident
  - v. The insurance company covers the loss up to the policy limits
  - vi. Your insurer represents you if you are sued
  - vii. Your insurer has the right to settle any legal action without your permission
  - viii. Your premium may rise
  - ix. Insurer has the right to cancel your policy
  - x. If the losses exceed the policy provisions, the insured is responsible to cover the excess

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