

Property Insurance Changes

Hard Market Drives FY23 Program Adjustments

Deductible Increase for UAB Property Claims

The increased cost of construction materials and labor, supply chain issues, and catastrophic losses from floods and wildfires have created a very hard property insurance marketplace. UAB's property insurance provider, the State of Alabama Self Insurance Fund, saw double-digit rate increases at the June 1 renewal, a cost that the insurer has to pass along to program participants.

In order to offset some of the projected 33% premium increase, UAB has elected to raise the policy deductible to \$25,000 for most property losses. This change is effective 10/1/2022.

While the effects on the insurance market are largely outside of our control, loss prevention and loss control measures remain our best tools at reducing the costs that we can control. Common loss control techniques include:

- Have appropriate fire extinguishers present and know how to use them
- Maintain the minimum amount of flammables on hand as necessary, and store flammables properly
- Do not hang anything from sprinkler heads, safety showers, or any pipes. Report minor leaks to maintenance
- Keep doors closed and locked when possible

Report Property Losses Promptly

UAB buildings and other real property are insured through the State Insurance Fund, administered by the State of Alabama Division of Risk Management. While the UAB Office of Risk Management is not a first responder, all property damage should be reported to the UAB Office of Risk Management as soon as possible. This allows the Office of Risk Management to report the loss to the State promptly, and an adjuster to be assigned to inspect the damage and begin the claim process.

Property damage can be reported to the UAB Office of Risk Management using a new online reporting form. The form can be found within the Risk Management Information Central webpage at www.uab.edu/riskmanagement/infocentral. Just click on the 'UAB Property Risk Management' link in the toolbar to the left of the screen.

The department experiencing the loss should make sure that Risk Management is aware of the loss. Do not assume that UAB Police, Building Services, or Facilities reported the loss to Risk Management.

When in doubt, report the loss.

For additional information and resources, visit the Risk Management website at :

www.uab.edu/riskmanagement

Automobile Liability Coverage Glovebox Cards to be Distributed in September

UAB is a qualified self-insurer under the Mandatory Liability Act for automobile liability in the State of Alabama, but that doesn't mean that we don't have to carry proof of coverage in UAB vehicles.

To satisfy the proof of coverage requirement, the Office of Risk Management will distribute in mid-September a certificate of coverage to each department that owns a vehicle. The card will be sent to the department contact as shown on the UAB fleet schedule, which is maintained by UAB Automotive Services.

The certificate should be placed in the glovebox of the vehicle before October 1, 2022. The Office of Risk Management will not accept responsibility for any fine or ticket arising out of a driver's failure to present proof of insurance.

Reminder to Request Annual MVR Reviews

When the glovebox cards are distributed, departments will be reminded that the UAB Vehicle Safety Management Program and our excess liability insurance carrier require annual reviews of the motor vehicle records (MVR) of all regular drivers. The MVR Request and Release form will also be attached to the email.