NEW YEAR RESOLUTION: Get Your Insurance Coverage in Order for 2013

Now that the holiday rush is past, January might be a good time to resolve to evaluate your insurance coverage. The Idaho Department of Insurance has some pointers to help you:

Homeowners/Renter's Insurance

Whether you own or rent, take time to update your home inventory:

- Photograph new items you received as holiday gifts.
- Electronics, art, jewelry, sporting equipment and antiques may need special coverage, so talk to your agent about these items.
- The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has a free smartphone app, myHOME Scr.APP.book, to help with the inventory process. Download from iTunes or Google Play, or download a paper version here.

The homeowners **coverage information sheet** on the Department website will help you understand the terminology in your policy.

Auto Insurance

Reviewing your auto policy should be part of your winter readiness routine:

- Check your liability insurance and be sure it is adequate for your life situation.
- Review your deductibles for comprehensive and collision insurance. Raising or lowering this amount can affect your premium.
- Place a copy of your insurance card and your agent or company's contact information in your car, and be sure to have a way to record details of an accident if you are in one. The NAIC smartphone app, WreckCheck, can be downloaded free from iTunes or Google Play.

The Department of Insurance has an auto coverage information sheet that can be helpful to you during your review.

Health Insurance

If you recently completed the open enrollment process for your health insurance at work or Medicare Open Enrollment, now is a good time to review your coverage:

- Be on the lookout for new insurance cards and paperwork in your mail and gather this information together before you need it.
- Check your provider lists as in-network or preferred provider lists change from year to year.
- Make note of your copays for in-network and out-of-network providers.
- Before you travel, talk to your agent about urgent care centers and hospitals that accept your insurance coverage near your destination and along the way.

The Department of Insurance has a health insurance **coverage information sheet** to help you understand your health insurance paperwork.

More Information

If you have questions about your insurance options or about your insurance coverage, call the Idaho Department of Insurance at 334-4250 in the Boise area, or 800-721-3272 toll-free statewide.