

Pay per mile insurance for young drivers

YOUNG drivers are being offered pay-per-mile and time-of-trip insurance cover.

Under-23s can buy cover based on when and where they drive, with the lowest rates payable on journeys made outside the rush hour during the day and higher premiums for "super peak" outings between 11pm and 5am.

A similar scheme for over-23s doesn't include the "super peak" tariff but still has a higher charge for rush hour use than for the rest of the day.

As a bonus for staying claim and conviction free, under-23s can earn 200 free off-peak miles every three months.

"A young driver and friends on a night out will usually share the cost of fuel but the driver is always left with the insurance bill with a traditional policy," said Penny Searles, of insurance provider Coverbox.

"But with Pay-As-You-Drive insurance the cost is based on usage and at the end of the journey the mileage can be calculated from the car's odometer or online from the insured driver's personal page on the Coverbox website.

"On that page they are able to see how many miles they have driven, at what times of day and night they have driven, but also what cost they have incurred in terms of insurance – they can even check it out on mobile devices that support web browsing. That means they can share out the cost of insurance as well.

"It also means that by slightly changing their driving habits they can also change their insurance cost: depending upon type of car, location, no claims bonus and the time of day or night they drive, that cost could be anything from 5p a mile upwards."

Coverbox uses GPS technology to monitor journeys.

The technology behind Coverbox is provided by one of Europe's leading automotive security companies, and means customers will also have the peace of mind of theft tracking in virtually all cases.

Visit www.coverbox.co.uk for details, to apply for insurance and to get a quote.

