



Road Traffic Incident – Vehicle Keeper Detail Disclosures

This document relates to requests for driver and / or registered vehicle keeper details from members of the public directly to police (either verbally or in writing, such as the S172 process). It does not apply to incidents where police attend a road traffic collision and involved parties exchange details with each other at the roadside.

- **Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988:**

- Damage Only collision - This requires the driver to provide their name, address and vehicle details to any person having reasonable grounds for requiring.
- Injury Collisions – This requires the driver to provide their name, address, vehicle details and insurance to any person having reasonable grounds for requiring.

Failure to do so could be seen as non-compliance with the Act which means a driver could be guilty of an offence. This would be a decision for the police to make based on the evidence available and prosecute where it is necessary and proportionate to do so. It is not the role of the police to further process this section 170 information and provide it to members of the public.

S170 RTA 1988 - [Legal Narrative Detail · PNLD](#)

- **Data Protection Act 2018:**

Information obtained as part of an investigation is processed under Part 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and must only be used for the police statutory functions where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out by a competent authority.

The definition of statutory function for ‘law enforcement purposes’ is ‘purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, including the safeguarding against and the prevention of threats to public security.

As such, this information can not be further processed to members of the public for the use in civil proceedings, such as pursuing a claim through insurance companies for any injury or damages received.

- **How Public Can Obtain Vehicle Keeper Details:**

You can obtain vehicle keeper details by contacting the DVLA directly using the [V888 form](#).

The DVLA can provide the vehicle keeper details when there has been a minor incident which has caused damage to your vehicle or property, or where the information is needed to deal with personal injury claims. This will be provided where ‘reasonable cause’ can be demonstrated. Further details on the DVLA process can be found using the link [here](#).

The DVLA is the data controller of this information and is best placed to determine the legitimacy of any requests.

- **Insurance Companies:**

Insurance companies can contact the police directly should they require further information, such as collision reports and statements relating to an incident. There is already an established process for this and your insurance company will be able to provide further details if required. To enable your insurer to contact Police, all they will need is the vehicle index which is already in your possession following the alleged incident.

- **Further Information:**

If you have questions regarding an incident you reported, please contact:

Sussex: Collisions.Unit@sussex.police.uk

Surrey: CJRTC@surrey.police.uk

If you have questions regarding why this information will no longer be shared directly, please contact:

Sussex: Information.Management@sussex.police.uk

Surrey: InformationManagement@surrey.police.uk