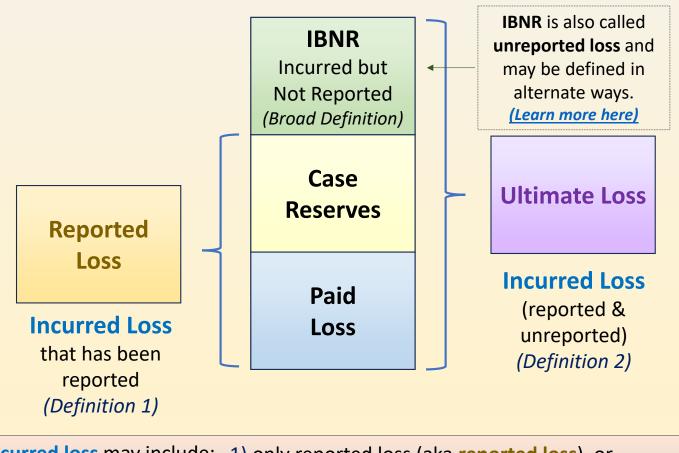
## **Incurred Loss** (for P&C Insurance)



A Simple Guide to Distinguish between Alternate Definitions

## Two Definitions of Incurred Loss

- 1) The 1<sup>st</sup> definition of incurred loss is the estimated value of claims that have been incurred and reported to an insurer.
  - This definition of incurred loss is more precisely called reported loss.
  - Within P&C insurance companies, the term incurred loss is often used in this sense and refers to the sum of paid loss and case reserves.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> definition of incurred loss is the estimated value of claims that have been incurred by an insurer, including reported <u>and</u> unreported claims.
  - This definition of incurred loss is more precisely called ultimate loss.
  - In financial reporting, the term **incurred loss** is often used in this sense and refers to the sum of paid loss, case reserves, and IBNR



Incurred loss may include: 1) only reported loss (aka reported loss), or

2) reported and unreported loss (aka ultimate loss)