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# Home Choice Policy



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## **Your Home Insurance**

Broker Direct's **HomeChoice** Insurance policy is designed to provide complete peace of mind for homeowners. It is:

- underwritten by a leading UK insurance company
- arranged only by independent professional insurance brokers acting for *you*
- serviced by *our* UK-based claims and premium administration

so should disaster or misfortune strike *you* are protected by outstanding customer service and financial security.

*Your* policy provides the Covers for the period of insurance shown on the Schedule, subject to *you* having paid or agreed to pay the premium to *us*.

To ensure that this policy meets *your* needs, the cover which *you* request must be sufficient for the full replacement value of all *your* personal property which is insured. If *you* are in any doubt about the scope and level of insurance cover which *you* need, please consult *your* insurance broker who arranged this insurance and will be able to assist *you*. Also please remember to review *your* insurance requirements from time to time – in particular when *you* make major purchases, acquisitions, investments or alterations around *your home* – to ensure that *your* cover remains adequate.

If *your* circumstances change in any way which might affect the insurance risk – such as a change in the occupancy or physical condition or ownership of *your home* or possessions – *you* must tell *us* or *your* insurance broker. For full details of the information which affects the insurance risk, please refer to the Statement of Facts which forms part of the policy documents.

This policy is arranged by *your* insurance broker whose contact details appear on the Schedule.

This policy is marketed and serviced by Broker Direct Plc and is underwritten by Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc.

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## Your Home Policy Documents

Insurance policies are legal contracts and *your* insurance documents serve as evidence of the contract *you* have made with *us*. To understand exactly what cover *we* are providing to *you*, the following documents need to be read in conjunction with each other:

**Policy Wording** (this document) – This is *our* standard cover and details what is insured and what is excluded by the various Covers and the Conditions which apply.

**Endorsements** – These amend or supplement the standard cover shown in the Policy Wording.

**Schedule** – This contains details of *you*; the property insured and the Covers, sums insured and excesses which apply to *your* policy; the period of insurance and the premium.

**Statement of Facts** – This records the information on which this contract of insurance is based (a new Statement of Facts will be sent to *you* whenever *your* broker processes a change to this information, and at renewal).

Remember, *you* must tell *us* if this information changes. If *you* do not, *your* policy may not be valid and *we* may not pay any claims *you* make.

**Renewal Notice** – This sets out any changes to the Policy Wording, Schedule and Endorsements which apply from renewal date.

Please read and check these documents very carefully and keep them in a safe place. If *you* have any questions about cover, please contact *your* insurance broker immediately.

If during the period of insurance the cover provided by *your* insurance policy is changed, replacement documents incorporating the changes will be issued.



# Definitions

Certain words have specific meanings where they appear in this policy. These words are printed in bold italic type in the Policy Wording; their meanings are shown below.

***We/us/our*** – the authorised insurers, named on the Schedule (Broker Direct Plc will administer the policy and handle claims on behalf of the authorised insurers).

***You/your*** – the person(s) named in the Schedule as the Policyholder(s).

***Accidental*** – sudden, unexpected, and not caused deliberately by *you*.

***Buildings*** – the main structure of *your home*, including:

- its permanent fixtures and fittings;
- its domestic outbuildings and private garages;
- ornamental ponds or fountains, swimming pools and tennis courts;
- central heating fuel tanks, cesspits and septic tanks;
- fences, gates, hedges, lampposts, railings and walls;
- drives, paths, patios and terraces;

but not satellite television receiving equipment, nor television and radio aerials.

***Contents*** – household goods and *personal possessions* used mainly for private purposes, which belong to or are the legal responsibility of *you* or *your family*, including:

- *valuables*;
- satellite television receiving equipment and television and radio aerials;
- *money*;
- office equipment used for *your* business, profession or trade but not including tools of trade;
- oil or metered water;

but not:

- *vehicles and craft* and their accessories other than removable audio and satellite navigation equipment not in the vehicle or craft;
- deeds and documents other than driving licences, passports or proof-of-age cards;
- documents and certificates showing ownership of shares, bonds and other financial investments;
- animals;
- any part of the structure, decorations or permanent fixtures and fittings;
- items *you* have insured more specifically by any other policy.

***Excess*** – the first amount of any claim for which *you* are responsible.

***Family*** – any of *your* husband, wife or domestic partner, children, relatives or other people (other than tenants or paying guests) permanently living in *your home*.

***Home*** – the residential landed property where *you* live at the address shown on the Schedule, used for domestic and clerical business purposes only.

***Limit*** – the maximum amount which will be paid out, after the application of any *excess*.

***Market value*** – the cost to purchase the same or equivalent property as new from a competitive retail source; including the value of any unexpired and irrecoverable portion of guarantees or warranties applying to the original property.

If it is not possible to source the same or equivalent property as new:

The estimated cost of equivalent or similar property in alternative markets for previously-owned property.

**Money** – cash, cheques, postal or money orders, postage stamps, savings stamps, savings certificates or bonds, travel tickets, luncheon vouchers, phone cards, mobile phone vouchers, reward vouchers or gift tokens, all held for personal or charitable purposes.

**Personal Possessions** – clothes and items of a strictly personal nature likely to be worn, used or carried about the person, including *valuables*, belonging to or the legal responsibility of *you* or *your family*.

**Unoccupied** – not permanently lived in by *you* (or by a person authorised by *you*) for more than 30 days in a row; or – without enough furniture for normal living purposes for more than 30 days in a row.

**Valuables** – any articles of gold, silver or other precious metal, jewellery, precious stones, watches, furs, pictures or other works of art, collections of stamps or coins.

**Vehicles and Craft** – any electrically- or mechanically-powered vehicles (including motor cycles, childrens' motorcycles, childrens' motor cars, quad bikes, and childrens' quad bikes), caravans, trailers, watercraft including surfboards, land windsurfing vehicles, hovercraft, aircraft, all-terrain vehicles or quad bikes (but not domestic gardening equipment, battery-operated golf trolleys or wheelchairs, battery-operated or pedestrian-operated models or toys).

**What is Covered** – the types of loss, damage, and liability for which *you* are entitled to claim under this insurance, subject to the exceptions set out in *What is Not Covered* and the General Exceptions and the General and Claims Conditions.

**What is Not Covered** – the types of loss, damage and liability for which *you* may not claim.



# Home Buildings Cover

This part of the policy sets out the cover **we** provide for the **buildings** unless the Schedule states ‘Not insured’. Every cover is subject to an **excess**, which is set out on the Schedule. Where cover is subject to a **limit**, the **limit** is set out in the Endorsements to the Schedule: otherwise the maximum amount to be paid is the sum insured less any applicable **excess**.

N.B. **we** do not cover 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 (and 16 if included) when **your home** is **unoccupied**.

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
Damage to the <b>buildings</b> caused by the following:	
1. Fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake or smoke.	1. Damage by smoke from air pollution.
2. Storm or flood.	2. Damage by frost. Damage to fences, hedges or gates. Damage caused by rising groundwater levels.
3. Theft or attempted theft.	3. Damage when <b>your home</b> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <b>your family</b> , unless force and violence have been used to get into or out of <b>your home</b> .
4. Freezing of water in fixed water or fixed heating systems. Water or oil escaping from washing machines, dishwashers, fixed water or fixed heating systems.	4. Damage to the appliance or system from which the water or oil escapes unless freezing causes the damage. Damage caused by sulphate reacting with any material, from which the <b>buildings</b> are constructed. Damage by water escaping which results in subsidence, movement, settlement or shrinkage of any part of the <b>buildings</b> or of the land belonging to <b>your home</b> .
5. Riot, civil commotion.	
6. Malicious acts or vandalism.	6. Damage when <b>your home</b> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <b>your family</b> unless force and violence have been used to get into or out of <b>your home</b> .

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
7. Subsidence or heave of the site on which the <b>buildings</b> stand or of land belonging to <b>your home</b> , or landslip.	7. Damage to patios, paved terraces, footpaths, tennis courts, swimming pools, garden ponds, statues and fountains permanently fixed into the ground, drives, walls, fences, hedges and gates unless the main house is damaged by the same cause and at the same time.  Damage to solid floors or damage caused by solid floors moving, unless the foundations of the outside walls of the <b>buildings</b> are damaged by the same cause and at the same time.  Damage caused by structures bedding down or settlement of newly made up ground.  Damage caused by the coast or a riverbank being worn away.  Damage caused by or from demolition, alteration or repair to <b>your home</b> .  Damage caused by sulphate reacting with any materials from which the <b>buildings</b> are constructed.
8. Falling trees or branches.	8. Damage to fences, hedges or gates.  Damage caused during tree felling, lopping or topping.
9. Breakage or collapse of aerials or satellite receiving equipment, their fittings or masts.	9. The items causing the damage (but see <b>contents</b> definition).
10. Impact involving vehicles, aircraft or anything dropped from them, or animals.	
In addition <b>you</b> are covered for the following:	
11. <b>Accidental</b> breakage of drains and pipes and <b>accidental</b> damage to cables and underground tanks which are used to provide services to or from <b>your home</b> and for which <b>your family</b> is legally responsible.	11. Damage by gradual deterioration which has caused an installation to reach the end of its serviceable life.



What is Covered	What is Not Covered
<p>If following a blockage, normal methods of releasing a blockage between the main sewer and <i>your home</i> are unsuccessful, <i>we</i> will pay the cost of breaking into and repairing the pipe.</p>	<p>Damage by water escaping which results in subsidence, movement, settlement or shrinkage of any part of the <i>buildings</i> or of the land belonging to <i>your home</i>.</p> <p>Damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Home Buildings Cover and which is excluded specifically under that cause.</p> <p>Damage caused by the coast or a riverbank being worn away.</p> <p>Damage caused by or from demolition, alteration or repair of <i>your home</i>.</p> <p>Damage caused by or from poor or faulty design, workmanship or materials.</p> <p>Damage caused by sulphate reacting with any materials from which the <i>buildings</i> are constructed.</p>
<p>12. <i>Accidental</i> breakage of glass, ceramic hobs or sanitary ware fixed to and forming part of <i>your home</i>.</p>	<p>12. The replacement cost of any other part of the item.</p>
<p>13. Fees and related costs incurred in repairing or replacing damaged parts of the <i>buildings</i>, provided the damage is covered under <i>your</i> policy and subject to <i>our</i> prior agreement.</p> <p><i>We</i> will pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- architects, engineers, surveyors and legal fees;</li> <li>- the cost of removing debris, demolition, shoring up or propping up and taking away any damaged parts of the <i>buildings</i>;</li> <li>- the cost of meeting current building regulations, local authority or other statutory requirements or conditions provided that the damaged parts of the <i>buildings</i> are repaired or replaced.</li> </ul>	<p>13. Any fees and costs <i>you</i> have to pay for preparing or furthering any claim.</p> <p>Fees and related costs incurred in meeting any building regulations, local authority or other statutory requirements or conditions if <i>you</i> were made aware of the need to meet them before the damage happened or these or any other fees or related costs apply to any undamaged parts of the <i>buildings</i>.</p>



What is Covered	What is Not Covered
<p>14. Cover while <i>you</i> are selling <i>your home</i>. If between the date <i>you</i> exchange contracts and the date <i>you</i> complete the sale, the <i>buildings</i> are damaged by anything insured under causes 1-12 above (and 16 below if included) of this Cover, the buyer shall be entitled to the benefit of this Cover once the sale has been completed.</p>	<p>14. This Cover does not apply if insurance of the <i>buildings</i> of <i>your home</i> has been arranged by or for the buyer.  Damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Home Buildings Cover and which is excluded specifically under that cause.</p>
<p>15. If <i>your home</i> is uninhabitable as a result of insured damage to the <i>buildings</i> caused by 1-12 above (and 16 below if included), <i>we</i> will pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the reasonable additional cost of similar short-term accommodation for <i>you</i> and <i>your family</i> and also for any pets living with <i>you</i>;</li> <li>- rent <i>you</i> would have received but have lost including ground rent.</li> </ul>	<p>15. Any costs <i>your family</i> would have to pay once <i>your home</i> becomes habitable again.  Any costs <i>you</i> agree to pay without <i>our</i> written permission.  The cost of alternative accommodation for anyone who is not a member of <i>your family</i>.  Any amount above the <i>limit</i> shown in the Endorsements.</p>

If the Schedule states “**Accidental** damage included”, the following additional cover is provided for the *buildings*:

<p>16. <b>Accidental</b> damage to the <i>buildings</i>.</p>	<p>16. Damage when <i>your home</i> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <i>your family</i>.  Damage caused by rising groundwater levels.  Damage by or from subsidence, heave, landslide, movement, settlement or shrinkage of any part of the <i>buildings</i> or of any land belonging to <i>your home</i>.  Damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Home Buildings Cover and which is excluded specifically under that cause.  Damage caused by the coast or a riverbank being worn away.  Damage caused by or from demolition, alteration or repair to <i>your home</i>.  Damage caused by sulphate reacting with any materials from which the <i>buildings</i> are constructed.</p>
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# Legal Liability

As well as insuring the *buildings*, we provide the following cover:

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
<p>17. The legal liability of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> as owner of <i>your home</i>, to pay damages and costs to others which arise from any single event occurring during the insurance period which result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>accidental</b> death, disease, illness or <b>accidental</b> physical injury to anyone;</li> <li>- <b>accidental</b> damage to physical property.</li> </ul>	<p>17. Anything owned by or the legal responsibility of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>.</p> <p>Injury, death, disease or illness to or of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> (other than <i>your</i> domestic employees who normally live with <i>you</i>).</p> <p>Liability arising from any employment, trade, profession or business of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>.</p> <p>Liability accepted by <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> under any agreement, unless the liability would exist without the agreement.</p> <p>Liability covered by any other policy.</p> <p>Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements plus defence costs agreed by <i>us</i> in writing.</p>

Liability for injury or damage resulting from land or buildings nearly always attaches to the occupier, rather than the owner. If you are the owner and occupier, insurance against your liability as occupier is not provided by the Home Buildings Cover of this policy and you should ensure you have a contents insurance which provides you with the occupier's liability insurance you require.

<p>18. Legal liabilities which result from the ownership of any private residence previously occupied by <i>you</i> and insured by <i>us</i> and which arise because of Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or Section 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, as long as <i>you</i> do not have this cover under another policy.</p>	<p>18. Any private residence previously owned and occupied by <i>you</i> in which <i>you</i> still hold legal title or have an interest.</p> <p>Any incident which happens more than 7 years after the last day of the last insurance period in respect of any private residence previously insured by <i>us</i> and owned and occupied by <i>you</i>.</p> <p>Anything owned by or the legal responsibility of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>.</p> <p>Injury, death, disease or illness to or of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> (other than <i>your</i> domestic employees who normally live with <i>you</i>).</p> <p>Liability arising from any employment, trade, profession or business of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>.</p> <p>Liability accepted by <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> under any agreement, unless the liability would exist without the agreement.</p> <p>Liability covered by any other policy.</p> <p>Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements plus defence costs agreed by <i>us</i> in writing.</p>
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# Home Contents Cover

This part of the policy sets out the cover **we** provide for the **contents** unless the Schedule states “Not insured”. Every cover is subject to an **excess**, which is set out on the Schedule. Where cover is subject to a **limit**, the **limit** is set out in the Endorsements to the Schedule: otherwise the maximum amount to be paid is the sum insured less any applicable **excess**.

N.B. **We** do not cover 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16 (and 17 if included) when **your home** is **unoccupied**.

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
Loss of or damage to the <b>contents of your home</b> caused by the following:	In respect of <b>contents</b> in the open and <b>contents</b> in any garage or out-building, any amount above the relevant <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.
1. Fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake or smoke.	1. Damage by smoke from air pollution.
2. Storm or flood.	2. Damage caused by rising groundwater levels.
3. Theft or attempted theft.	3. <b>Contents</b> in any garage or outbuilding unless force and violence have been used to get into or out of the <b>buildings</b> .  Loss or damage while <b>your home</b> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <b>your family</b> unless force and violence have been used to get into or out of the <b>buildings</b> .  Loss by deception unless the only deception was someone tricking their way into <b>your home</b> .  Loss of <b>money</b> (i) unless force and violence have been used to get into or out of the <b>buildings</b> ; and (ii) any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.  Loss or damage while <b>your home</b> is used to receive visitors or paying guests in connection with <b>your business</b> .
4. Water escaping from washing machines, dishwashers, fixed water or fixed heating systems.  Oil escaping from a fixed heating system.	4. Damage to the appliance or system from which the water or oil escapes.
5. Riot, civil commotion.	

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
6. Malicious acts or vandalism.	6. Loss or damage while <b><i>your home</i></b> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <b><i>your family</i></b> unless force and violence have been used to get into or out of the <b><i>buildings</i></b> .
7. Subsidence or heave of the site on which the <b><i>buildings</i></b> stand or of land belonging to <b><i>your home</i></b> , or landslip.	7. Damage caused by solid floors moving unless the foundations of the outside walls of the <b><i>buildings</i></b> are damaged by the same cause and at the same time. Damage caused by structures bedding down or settlement of newly made up ground. Damage caused by the coast or a riverbank being worn away. Damage caused by or from demolition, alteration or repair to <b><i>your home</i></b> .
8. Falling trees or branches.	8. Damage caused during tree felling, lopping or topping.
9. Breakage or collapse of aerials or satellite receiving equipment, their fittings or masts.	9. The items causing the damage (which are otherwise subject of Home Contents Cover).
10. Impact involving vehicles, aircraft or anything dropped from them, or animals.	
In addition, <b><i>you</i></b> are covered for the following:	
11. <b><i>Accidental</i></b> damage to TV, satellite, video, audio entertainment equipment and computer equipment in <b><i>your home</i></b> .	11. Damage while <b><i>your home</i></b> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <b><i>your family</i></b> . Damage by water entering <b><i>your home</i></b> other than by storm or flood. Damage to laptop computers, computer software, handheld computers or electronic toys. Damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Home Contents Cover and which is excluded specifically under that cause. Audio entertainment equipment and computer equipment does not include musical instruments, mobile phones, records, tapes, discs, CDs, DVDs and computer games.

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
12. <b>Accidental</b> breakage of mirrors, ceramic hobs in free-standing cookers or glass which forms part of <b>your</b> furniture.	12. The replacement cost of any part of the item other than the broken glass.  Breakage while <b>your home</b> is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than <b>your family</b> .
13. <b>Accidental</b> loss of keys to the doors of <b>your home</b> or to safes and alarms in <b>your home</b> .  At <b>our</b> option <b>we</b> will pay for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- buying new keys; or</li> <li>- changing parts of the locks; or</li> <li>- replacing the locks.</li> </ul>	13. Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.
14. <b>Accidental</b> loss of metered water, liquid petroleum gas or oil at <b>your home</b> .	14. Loss by any cause listed in the Home Contents Cover and which is excluded specifically under that cause.  Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.
15. The cost of replacing food in a freezer in <b>your home</b> which has been spoilt by an <b>accidental</b> change in temperature in <b>your</b> freezer.	15. Loss or damage by an electricity or gas supplier deliberately cutting off or reducing the supply to <b>your home</b> .  Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.
16. If <b>your home</b> is uninhabitable as a result of insured damage to <b>contents</b> caused by 1-10 above (and 21 below if included), <b>we</b> will pay the reasonable additional cost of similar short-term accommodation for <b>you</b> or <b>your family</b> and also for any pets living with <b>you</b> .	16. Any costs <b>you</b> or <b>your family</b> would have to pay once <b>your home</b> becomes habitable again.  Any costs <b>you</b> or <b>your family</b> agree to pay without <b>our</b> written permission.  The cost of alternative accommodation for anyone who is not a member of <b>your family</b> .  Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.

### What is Covered

If the Schedule states 'Accidental damage included', the following additional cover is provided for contents:

17. **Accidental** damage to the **contents** inside the **buildings of your home** and belonging to **you** and **your family**.

### What is Not Covered

17. Damage to clothing.  
Deterioration of food.  
Damage when **your home** or any part of **your home** is lent, let or sub-let to anyone other than **your family**.  
Damage caused by rising groundwater levels.  
Damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Home Contents Cover and which is excluded specifically under that cause.



# Legal Liability

As well as insuring *your contents*, we provide the following cover:

What is Covered	What is Not Covered
<p>18. The legal liability of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- as occupier of <i>your home</i>;</li><li>- as individuals;</li><li>- as an employer of any of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>'s domestic employees;</li></ul> <p>to pay damages and costs to others which arise from any single event occurring during the insurance period which results in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>accidental</b> death, disease, illness or <b>accidental</b> physical injury to anyone;</li><li>- <b>accidental</b> damage to physical property.</li></ul>	<p>18. Liability for anything owned by or the legal responsibility of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>.</p> <p>Liability for injury, death, disease or illness to <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> (other than <i>your</i> domestic employees who normally live with <i>you</i>).</p> <p>Liability arising from any employment, trade, profession or business of <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i>.</p> <p>Liability arising from <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> passing on any disease or virus.</p> <p>Liability arising from the ownership or use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- any motor vehicle, including children's vehicles (other than garden machinery or wheelchairs), whether licensed for road use or not;</li><li>- any boat, wetbike, sand yacht, hovercraft, aircraft or train (other than hand propelled boats and models);</li><li>- gliders, hang-gliders, caravans or trailers;</li><li>- land or buildings.</li></ul> <p>Liability accepted by <i>you</i> or <i>your family</i> under any agreement, unless such liability would exist without the agreement.</p> <p>Liability covered by any other policy.</p> <p>Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements plus defence costs agreed by <i>us</i> in writing.</p>
<p>19. Tenants Cover – if <i>you</i> are the tenant of <i>your home</i>, we will pay for loss or damage caused by events 1-6 and 8-13 under the Home Buildings Cover to any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- fixtures and fittings, greenhouses and sheds <i>you</i> have installed at <i>your home</i> and for which <i>you</i> are responsible;</li><li>- part of the structure, decorations, fixtures and fittings of <i>your home</i> for which <i>you</i> are responsible as a tenant under a tenancy agreement.</li></ul>	<p>19. Loss of or damage to gates, hedges and fences.</p> <p>Any amount above the <b>limit</b> shown in the Endorsements.</p>



# Personal Possessions and Money Cover

This part of the policy sets out the wider cover **we** provide for *your personal possessions* and *money* if stated on the Schedule to be insured.

This cover is subject to an excess, which is set out on the Schedule. Where cover is subject to a *limit*, the *limit* is set out in the Endorsements to the Schedule; otherwise the maximum amount to be paid is the sum insured less any applicable *excess*.

N.B. This cover does not apply to loss or damage in *your home* when the *home* is *unoccupied*.

## What is Covered

**Accidental** loss of or physical damage to unspecified and specified *personal possessions* and *money* occurring in or in transit between parts of the United Kingdom or whilst temporarily (for not more than 60 consecutive days) anywhere else in the world and whilst in the custody and control of *you* or *your family*.

## What is Not Covered

Theft from an unattended motor vehicle unless the vehicle was locked securely and the property was hidden in a glove or luggage compartment.

Theft of a pedal cycle if left unattended away from *your home* unless it is securely locked to a permanent structure or in a locked building.

Theft of pedal cycle accessories, unless they are stolen with the pedal cycle.

Loss of or damage to:

- sports equipment while it is being used;
- contact lenses;
- a pedal cycle while *you* are using it for racing, pace making or trials;
- household goods;
- plants or any living creature;
- **vehicles and craft** and their accessories other than removable audio and satellite navigation equipment not in the vehicle;
- deeds documents and certificates.

Loss or damage caused by theft or attempted theft from an unlocked hotel room.

Loss by deception.

Loss or damage occurring in *your home* other than as provided by Home Contents Cover 17 if this is not included.

Any amount above the *limit* shown in the Endorsements.



# General Exceptions which Apply to the Whole of Your Policy

**We** will not pay for the following:

1. Any reduction in value.
2. Any losses which are not the direct and immediate result of the actual damage claimed for, unless stated expressly in this policy.
3. Any incident which happens outside any period of insurance of this policy.
4. The cost of replacing any undamaged item or part of any item just because it forms part of a set, suite or one of a number of items of a similar type, colour or design.
5. Loss of or damage to any items used in connection with any business, trade or profession except office equipment in *your home* or items insured as specified *personal possessions*.
6. Any legal liability resulting from any business, trade or profession.
7. Any claim resulting from:
  - deliberate or criminal acts by *you* or *your family*;
  - gradual causes including deterioration or wear and tear;
  - mildew, fungus, climatic or atmosphere conditions, frost, wet or dry rot;
  - any process of cleaning, repair or alteration;
  - vermin, insects or chewing, scratching, tearing or fouling by pets;
  - electrical, electronic, or mechanical fault or breakdown;
  - faulty design materials or workmanship;
  - delay, confiscation or detention by customs or other officials;
  - aircraft travelling at supersonic speeds;
  - the failure of computer or electronically-controlled equipment to recognise any date as the true calendar date;
  - computer viruses;
  - ionising radiation, radioactivity, nuclear fuel, nuclear waste or equipment;
  - war, revolution or any similar event;
  - pollution or contamination which was:
    - the result of a deliberate act;
    - expected and not the result of a sudden, unexpected and identifiable incident.
8. **We** will not pay for any claim arising directly or indirectly from an act of terrorism. In this case, an act of terrorism means preparing, threatening to use or actually using any item capable of producing biological, chemical or nuclear pollution or contamination.

# General Conditions which Apply to the Whole of Your Policy

**You** must comply with these Conditions: if **you** do not, **we** may at **our** option cancel the policy and/or refuse to deal with **your** claim and/or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

1. **You** may cancel the policy at any time by telling **your** insurance broker (cancellation can not be back-dated). **We** (or **our** authorised agent) may cancel **your** policy by giving **you** 21 days written notice to **your** last known address. **We** will give **you** a refund of premium in proportion to the remaining part of the current period of insurance, provided that no claim has been made.

Also, **you** may cancel this policy within 14 days of receipt of the policy documents at inception or renewal, by telling **your** insurance broker. **We** will give **you** a proportionate refund of premium provided that **you** have not made a total loss claim.

2. The contract is governed by the law which applies to where **you** reside within the United Kingdom. If there is any dispute about which law applies, it will be English Law.
3. **You** must tell **us** immediately about any changes in the information recorded on the Statement of Facts. The relevant information includes the rebuilding costs and reinstatement costs of the property insured, the occupancy and use of **your home, your** occupation; as specified on the Statement of Facts. **You** must tell **us** if **you** have been declared bankrupt or have received a police caution for or have been convicted of or been charged with but not tried for any offence other than driving offences. Failure to tell **us** about such changes may invalidate **your** insurance. If **you** have any doubt as to whether to inform **us** about changes, please consult **your** insurance broker.
4. If **you** pay the premium to **us** using **our** Direct Debit instalment scheme **we** will have the right (which **we** may not use) to renew the policy each year and continue to collect premiums using this method. **We** may vary the terms of the policy (including the premium) at renewal. If **you** decide that **you** do not want **us** to renew the policy, as long as **you** tell **us** before the next renewal date **we** will not renew it.
5. If **you** fail to pay an instalment when due **you** will be advised that the policy will be cancelled if it is not paid within at least 7 days. Upon cancellation **you** remain liable for any outstanding balance and **we** will write to **you** to request immediate settlement of any amount due.
6. **You** must maintain **your** property in good, working condition.





# Claim Conditions and How We Settle Claims

TO MAKE A CLAIM, telephone **our** Claimline **0844 248 9317** for immediate advice and assistance.

**You** will need to tell **us**:

- **your** name, address, and policy number;
- what **you** are claiming for;
- the place where the loss or damage occurred;
- what caused the loss or damage.

## Claims Conditions

**You** must comply with these Conditions: if **you** do not, **we** may at **our** option cancel the policy and/or refuse to deal with **your** claims and/or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

1. **You** must do all **you** can to prevent and reduce any costs, damage, injury or loss.
2. **You** must tell **us** about any loss, damage or liability as soon as possible and give **us** all the information and help **we** may need, including proof of claim at **your** expense. **We** will decide how to settle or defend a claim and may pursue proceedings in the name of any person covered by **your** policy, including proceedings for recovering any claim payment.
3. **You** must report any loss, theft, attempted theft or malicious damage to the police immediately.
4. If someone is holding **you** responsible for damage to their property or bodily injury to them, **you** must tell **us** immediately and send **us** immediately on receipt any writ, summons, letter of claim or other relevant documents.
5. If a claim is fraudulent or false in any way, **we** will not make any payment and all cover will end and **we** will be entitled to recover from **you** any payment made already in respect of the claim.
6. If any claim is covered by any other insurance, **we** will not pay for more than **our** share of that claim.

## How We Settle Property Claims

**We** will decide whether to repair, replace, or pay for property which is lost or damaged. When **we** settle **your** claim **we** will deduct the **excess** shown on the Schedule. The maximum amount which **we** shall be liable to pay is the relevant sum insured less any **excess** and subject to any **limit** applicable.

## Non-replacement Clause

In the event that **we** agree on request to settle by payment to **you** a claim for loss of or damage to property insured which otherwise could be settled by replacement of the property, the amount payable will be based on the lesser of the cost to **us** of replacing the property or the **market value** of the property.

In the event that the property insured can not be described adequately to allow for accurate replacement, settlement of any claim for loss of the property will be settled on the basis of a reasonable assessment of the **market value** of the property.

## Non-repair Clause

In the event that **we** agree on request to settle by payment to **you** a claim for damage to property insured which otherwise could be settled by repair of the property, the amount payable will be the cost to **us** of repairing the property less any VAT payable on any labour element of such repair.

In the event that it is either impossible or uneconomic to repair or reinstate the **buildings**, settlement will be based on **market value**.

## Underinsurance and Wear and Tear

In the event that the sum insured for **buildings** represents less than 85% of the full cost of rebuilding the **buildings** at the date of damage, the amount payable under this policy in respect of any claim for damage to the **buildings** will be reduced to the proportion of the amount payable which the sum insured bears to the full cost of rebuilding, before the application of any **excess**.

In the event that the sum insured for **contents** represents less than 85% of the full cost of replacing the **contents** as new at the date of the damage, the amount payable under this policy in respect of any claim for **contents** will be reduced to the proportion of the amount payable which the sum insured bears to the full cost of replacement as new, before the application of any **excess**.

**We** will deduct an amount for wear and tear on:

- clothing and household linen which cannot be repaired;
- electrical goods more than 5 years old.

# Customer Care

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If **you** have a complaint about **your** policy or a claim, **you** should contact **your** insurance broker. If **your** insurance broker cannot resolve the matter **you** may call Broker Direct Plc on **01204 600200** or write to: Chief Executive, Broker Direct Plc, Deakins Park, Hall Coppice Road, Egerton, Bolton, BL7 9RW.

If **you** are still not happy with the way **we** have dealt with **your** complaint, **you** can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) to review **your** case. This is a free and impartial service.

**You** can phone on **0845 080 1800**, or e-mail [enquiries@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@financial-ombudsman.org.uk) or write to: Financial Ombudsman Service, South Quay Plaza, 183 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9SR. **You** may contact the Ombudsman at any stage of **your** complaint. **Your** legal rights will not be affected.

## Compensation

**We** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation should **we** be unable to meet **our** obligations. Further information is available on [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk) or **you** may contact the FSCS on **0207 892 7300**.







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