

# PART OF THE JENSTEN GROUP

**Home Insurance Policy Wording** 

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## Introduction

This policy wording, **schedule** and any **endorsement** applying to **your** policy forms **your** insurance document. This document sets out the conditions of the contract of insurance between **you** and **us**. **You** should keep it in a safe place.

In return for payment of the premium shown in the **schedule**, **we** agree to insure **you**, subject to the terms and conditions contained in or endorsed on this policy, against loss or damage **you** sustain or legal liability **you** incur for accidents happening during the **period of insurance** shown in the **schedule**.

When drawing up this contract of insurance, **we** have relied on the information and statements which **you** have provided in the proposal form or statement of fact.

## The insurance relates ONLY to those sections of the policy which are shown in the schedule as being insured.

This insurance is underwritten by SiriusPoint International Insurance Corporation. SiriusPoint International Insurance Corporation is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Registered on the Financial Services Register, Firm Registration Number (FRN) 202912.

Miramar Underwriting Limited acts as a Managing General Underwriter on behalf of SiriusPoint International Insurance Corporation. Miramar Underwriting Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Firm Reference No. 507000.

You can check our details on the Financial Services Register https://register.fca.org.uk/

The written authority (which is shown in the **schedule**) allows **Jensten Insurance Brokers Ltd** trading as Ember JD to sign and issue this policy on behalf of **us**.

Please read the whole document carefully. It is arranged in different sections. It is important that;

- you are clear which sections you have requested and want to be included;
- you understand what each section covers and does not cover;
- you understand your own duties under each section and under the insurance as a whole.
- you check that the information you have given us is complete and accurate and not misleading or untrue.

You are advised to keep copies of documents sent to or received from us for your own protection.

Please contact your broker immediately if this document is not correct or if you would like to ask any questions.

This policy is designed to insure **your home** against loss or damage as a result of the named insured events in this wording. It does not cover the maintenance of **your home**. That means **we** will not cover the cost of wear and tear or maintenance costs such as defective rendering, repointing chimneys or general roof maintenance.

We also do not cover damage that happens over time such as damp, rot or damage from vermin.

You should keep your home in a good state of repair, and take reasonable steps to avoid loss or damage.

#### TO MAKE A CLAIM, PLEASE CONTACT OUR RELEVANT CLAIMS TEAMS:

PROPERTY CLAIMS: Innovation Group 0344 557 7854 or <a href="mailto:PropertyClaims@Innovation.Group">PropertyClaims@Innovation.Group</a>
LIABILITY CLAIMS: Kennedys Claims 0344 557 6246 or <a href="mailto:bspoke@kennedyslaw.com">bspoke@kennedyslaw.com</a>

For full information relating to 'How to make a Claim', please see page 13 of this document.

# **Policy Definitions**

Throughout this document where the following words appear in bold they will have the meanings shown below:

#### **Accidental Damage**

Unexpected and unintended damage or breakage caused by a single and one-off event resulting from a sudden and external means.

#### **Bodily injury**

**Bodily injury** includes death or disease.

#### Building(s)

The main structure of the home and;

- fixtures and fittings attached to the **home** including permanently fitted flooring and fixed solar panels
- domestic outbuildings and private garages
- radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the home
- permanently installed swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios, terraces, walls, gates, paths, fences and fixed fuel tanks

you own or for which you are legally liable within the premises named in the schedule.

## Buildings do NOT include:

• carpets (unless they are fitted carpets forming part of communal areas of flats you are responsible for)

#### **Business Equipment**

Computers, keyboards, visual display units and printers, word-processing equipment, desktop publishing units, multi-user small business computers, facsimile machines, photocopiers, typewriters, computer-aided design equipment, telecommunications equipment and office equipment owned by **you** or which **you** are legally liable for used in connection with a business that may be run from the **home**.

## **Computer virus**

A set of corrupting, harmful or otherwise unauthorised instructions or code including a set of maliciously introduced unauthorised instructions or code, programmatic or otherwise, that propagate themselves through a computer system or network of whatsoever nature. **Computer virus** includes but is not limited to "trojan horses", "worms" and "time or logic bombs".

### Contents

Household goods and **personal possessions**, within the **home**, which are **your** property or which **you** are legally liable for.

## Contents includes:

- fixtures and fittings not permanently attached to the home and that are owned by, and the responsibility of the insured
- carpets but not permanently fitted flooring
- property in the open but within the **premises** up to £1,000 in total
- money up to £500 in total
- credit cards up to £1,000 in total
- pedal cycles up to £750 per cycle
- mobile phones up to £750 per phone unless specified within the schedule
- business equipment up to £10,000 or 10% of the sum insured for contents whichever
  is the greater within the home, excluding property more specifically insured under a
  commercial insurance policy.
- deeds and registered bonds and other personal documents up to £2,500 in total
- valuables up to £5,000 or 40% of the sum insured for contents whichever is the greater within the home, but limited to £1,500 any one item unless specified in the schedule.
- domestic oil in fixed fuel oil tanks up to £2,500

NOTE: The above stated **contents** limits apply UNLESS they are shown to be amended in **your schedule** or by **endorsement.** 

#### Contents does NOT include:

- motor vehicles (other than garden machinery), caravans, trailers or watercraft or their accessories
- any living creature
- any part of the buildings
- any property held or used for business purposes, unless included within the definition of **business equipment** and not insured under a commercial insurance policy or stated within the **schedule**
- any property insured under any other insurance.

## **Credit cards**

Credit cards, charge cards, debit cards, bankers cards and cash dispenser cards held for private or domestic purposes only.

#### **Domestic Staff**

A person employed to carry out domestic duties associated with **your home** and not employed by **you** in any capacity in connection with any trade profession or employment.

#### **Electronic data**

Facts, concepts and information converted to a form useable for communications, interpretation or processing by electronic and electromechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment and includes programmes, software and other coded instructions for the processing and manipulation of data or the direction and manipulation of such equipment.

#### **Endorsement**

A change in the terms and conditions of this insurance. These are shown on **your** schedule.

## **Excess**

The amount payable by **you** to **us** as shown in the **schedule** in the event of a claim.

## **Furnished**

A **home** furnished enough to be normally lived in, must have sufficient furniture and furnishings for normal living purposes. The minimum should include but is not limited to carpets, curtains, beds, tables, chairs, wardrobes, cooking and washing facilities.

#### Heave

Upward movement of the ground beneath the buildings as a result of the soil expanding.

#### Home

The private dwelling and the garages and outbuildings used for domestic purposes at the **premises** shown in the **schedule**.

# Jensten Insurance Brokers Limited

The company who have been authorised by **us** to transact insurance business on **our** behalf. **Jensten Insurance Brokers Limited** trading as Ember JD are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, their Firm Reference Number is 766281. Registered Office: Coversure House, Vantage Park, Washingley Road, Huntingdon, PE29 6SR.

## Landslip

Downward movement of sloping ground

## Money

- current legal tender, cheques, postal and money orders
- postage stamps not forming part of a stamp collection
- savings stamps and savings certificates, travellers' cheques
- premium bonds, luncheon vouchers and gift tokens

all held for private or domestic purposes.

#### **Occupant**

A person or persons authorised by **you** to stay in the **home** overnight.

Period of insurance

The length of time for which this insurance is in force, as shown in the **schedule** and for which **you** have paid and **we** have accepted a premium.

**Personal Possessions** 

Clothing, baggage, portable electronic equipment, sports equipment and other similar items normally carried about the person and all of which belong to **you**.

Personal Possessions do NOT include:

- money and credit cards
- pedal cycles

**Premises** The addre

The address which is named in the **schedule**.

Sanitary ware Washbasins, sinks, bidets, lavatory pans and cisterns, shower trays, shower screens, baths

and bath panels.

**Schedule** This document forms part of this insurance contract and contains details of the **premises**,

the sums insured, the **period of insurance** and the sections of this insurance which apply.

Settlement Downward movement as a result of the soil being compressed by the weight of the

buildings within ten years of construction.

**Subsidence** Downward movement of the ground beneath the **buildings** other than by **settlement**.

United Kingdom England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands and

journeys between these countries.

Unoccupied The home is left without an occupant for more than 60 consecutive days or is not

furnished enough to be normally lived in. If however, the home is shown as being unoccupied in the schedule all applicable unoccupied policy conditions apply from the

inception of the policy.

**Valuables** Articles of gold, silver, precious metals or stones, watches, gold and silver plated articles,

fur, guns, and firearms, curios, antiques, pictures and other works of art, collections of

stamps, coins and medals.

We / us / our Miramar Underwriting Ltd on behalf of SiriusPoint International Insurance Corporation.

You / your / insured The person or persons named in the schedule and your spouse, partner (a person living

with you as though married), civil partner, child, parent or any family member who

normally resides in the insured premises.

Your broker Jensten Insurance Brokers Limited trading as Ember JD

# **Important: Information About Your Policy**

## **Your Right to Cancel**

You may cancel this insurance policy at any time by contacting your broker. If you cancel your policy before your cover has started, we will refund your premium in full.

Cooling Off Period - If you cancel your policy within 14 days of your start date or renewal date, providing no claim has been submitted, you will be legally entitled to a refund during this time, but you will have to pay for the days the policy was active, and may be charged an administration fee.

**You** may cancel after 14 days, and providing no claim has been submitted, **you** will be entitled to a refund of the premium paid in respect of the cancelled cover, less a proportionate deduction for the time **we** have provided cover and any chargeable administration fee.

If **you** have received any claims payment, have a claim pending or **you** have notified us of any incident likely to give rise to a claim during the period of insurance, no refund of **your** premium or any administration fee will be given.

#### **Our Right to Cancel**

We or your broker may, at any time cancel this policy where there is a valid reason for doing so, by sending at least 14 days' to you at your last known correspondence or email address.

Valid reasons include but are not limited to:

- Non-payment of premium where **we** have been unable to collect a premium payment following non-payment correspondence issued to **you** or **your broker**;
- Your Credit Agreement is cancelled;
- Where we reasonably suspect fraud;
- Where you fail to co-operate with us or provide us with information or documentation we reasonably require, and this affects our ability to process a claim or defend our interests;
- Where **you** have not taken reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions **we** ask;
- Where you harass or use abusive or threatening behaviour towards our staff or representatives of us or your broker.

If we or your broker cancel the policy, you will be entitled to a refund of the premium paid in respect of the cancelled cover, less a proportionate deduction for the time we have provided cover and any applicable administration fees due. However, if a claim has been made or the reason for cancellation is fraud and/or economic, financial or trade sanctions, we are legally entitled to keep the premium.

#### **Changes in Circumstances**

**We** have relied on the information and statements which **you** have provided in the proposal form or statement of fact. **You** must tell **your broker** of any changes to the answers **you** have given as soon as possible.

Failure to advise of a change to **your** answers may mean **your** policy is invalid and claims may not be paid. These changes may result not only in a change to the terms and conditions of this insurance contract but also **your** premium and/or **excess**.

In particular, you must tell your broker:

- if you change your address;
- if **you**, or any person named in the **schedule**, change occupation;
- if you, your family or any person named in the **schedule** receive a county court judgement, conviction or are prosecuted(except for motoring offences where a custodial sentence has not been served);
- if **you**, **your** family or any person named in the **schedule** have been declared bankrupt or become subject to bankruptcy proceedings;
- about any changes to your buildings that will increase the rebuilding costs;

- about any changes to your contents that will increase the reinstatement costs;
- about any changes to your specified and unspecified items that will increase their value

Please also ensure that **you** review Pages 11 and 12 for other more specific general conditions relating to **your home** whereby it will be necessary to advise **your broker** of changes.

#### Sums Insured

**You** must ensure the sums insured provided are correct.

The **buildings** sum insured must be enough to fully rebuild the **buildings** at **your premises** including any expenses **you** have to pay for architects, surveyors, consulting engineers, legal fees, demolition and debris removal.

The **contents** sum insured must be enough to replace all the **contents** within **your buildings** with new items of the same or nearest equivalent quality and type.

The specified and unspecified items sums insured stated in the **schedule** in respect of **valuables** and **personal possessions** must be enough to replace the items as new.

## Non-payment of premiums

**We** reserve the right to cancel this policy immediately on written notice in the event of non-payment of the premium or payment default if **you** are paying by instalments.

Any return premium due to **you** will depend on how long this insurance has been in force and whether or not any claims have been made.

#### **Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)**

**We** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if **we** cannot meet **our** obligations.

**Your** entitlement to compensation will depend on the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS at:

Financial Services Compensation Scheme, PO Box 300, Mitcheldean GL17 1DY.

Tel: **0800 678 1100** and **020 7741 4100** E-mail: enquiries@fscs.org.uk Website: www.fscs.org.uk

#### **Law and Language Applicable to Contract**

This insurance will be governed by English Law, **you** and **we** agree to submit to the non exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales (unless **you** live in Jersey in which case the law of Jersey will apply and the Jersey courts will have exclusive jurisdiction). The language and all communication with **you** will be in English.

#### Contracts (Rights Of Third Parties) Act 1999 Clarification Clause

A person who is not a party to this insurance contract has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this insurance but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

# **Important: Information You Have Given Us**

## The Consumer Insurance (Disclosure And Representations) Act 2012

The Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 sets out situations where failure by a policyholder to provide complete and accurate information requested by an insurer allows the insurer to cancel the policy, sometimes back to its start date and to keep any premiums paid. The Act also places a duty on the Insurer to ensure that the questions they ask the policyholder are clear, specific and not misleading.

#### Information You Have Given Us

In deciding to accept this policy and in setting the terms including premium **we** have relied on the information which **you** have provided to **us**. **You** must take care when answering any questions **we** ask by ensuring that any information provided is accurate and complete.

If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly provided **us** with untrue or misleading information **we** will have the right to:

- (a) treat this policy as if it never existed;
- (b) decline all claims; and
- (c) retain the premium.

If we establish that you carelessly provided us with untrue or misleading information we will have the right to:

- (i) treat this policy as if it never existed, refuse to pay any claim and return the premium **you** have paid, if **we** would not have provided **you** with cover;
- (ii) treat this policy as if it had been entered into on different terms from those agreed, if **we** would have provided **you** with cover on different terms;
- (iii) reduce the amount **we** pay on any claim in the proportion that the premium **you** have paid bears to the premium **we** would have charged **you**, if **we** would have charged **you** more.

We will notify you in writing if (i), (ii) and/or (iii) apply.

If there are no outstanding claims and (ii) and/or (iii) apply, we will have the right to:

- (1) give **you** thirty (30) days' notice that **we** are terminating this policy; or
- (2) give **you** notice that **we** will treat this policy and any future claim in accordance with (ii) and/or (iii), in which case **you** may then give **us** thirty (30) days' notice that **you** are terminating this policy.
- (3) If this policy is terminated in accordance with (1) or (2), we will refund any premium due to you in respect of the balance of the period of insurance.

If **you** become aware that information **you** have given **us** is inaccurate, **you** must inform **your broker** as soon as possible.

# **Insurer's Data Privacy Notice**

## SiriusPoint International Insurance Corporation Privacy Notice

Personal data provided in connection with this policy will be used and processed in line with **Our** Privacy Notice for Policyholders. A copy of this is available at <a href="https://www.siriuspt.com/uk-eu-privacy-notice-for-policyholders-8-oct-2021/">https://www.siriuspt.com/uk-eu-privacy-notice-for-policyholders-8-oct-2021/</a>

## **Miramar Underwriting Ltd**

Miramar Underwriting Limited act as a Managing General Underwriter of SiriusPoint International Insurance Corporation and is registered as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Officer. Registration number is Z2168910.

This information is relevant to anyone who uses their services, including policyholders, prospective policyholders, and any other individuals insured under a policy.

They are dedicated to being transparent about what they do with the information that they collect about **You** and they process **Your** personal data in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation.

## Why do they process your data?

The provision of **Your** personal data is necessary for them to administer **Your** insurance policy and meet their contractual requirements under the policy. **You** do not have to provide them with your personal data, but they may not be able to proceed appropriately or handle any claims if **You** decide not to do so.

## What information do they collect about you?

Where **You** have purchased an insurance policy through an agent, **You** will be aware of the information that **You** gave to them when taking out the insurance. The agent will pass **Your** information to Miramar Underwriting Ltd so that they can administer **Your** insurance policy **Our** behalf and fulfil **Our** contract of insurance.

Miramar Underwriting Ltd collect this data on **Our** behalf as **We** are required to use this information as part of **Your** insurance quotation or insurance policy with **Us**. They may also process the data where it is necessary for a legal obligation, or as part of the establishment or defence of a legal claim.

They also process special categories of **Your** personal data as it is in the substantial public interest and it is necessary:

- i) for administering **Your** insurance policy; or
- ii) to prevent and detect an unlawful act (e.g. fraud).

# **Privacy Notice**

**You** can get more information about this by viewing Miramar Underwriting Ltd's full Privacy Notice online at <a href="https://bspokegroup.co.uk/brands/miramar-underwriting/">https://bspokegroup.co.uk/brands/miramar-underwriting/</a> or request a copy by emailing them at <a href="mailto:dataprotection@miramaruw.co.uk">dataprotection@miramaruw.co.uk</a>

Alternatively, you can write to them at:

Data Protection, Miramar Underwriting Limited, Dawson House, 5 Jewry Street, Fenchurch, London EC3N 2EX.

**Your** insurance brokers or other intermediaries may have their own reasons for processing **Your** personal data. Please contact them directly should **You** require further information about their uses of **Your** data.

# **General Conditions Applicable To The Whole Of This Insurance**

Failure to comply fully with any of the conditions listed below, to the extent that such failure increases the risk of loss or damage, shall be a bar to any claim in respect of such damage. In addition **we** may, at **our** discretion, continue to provide cover on the same terms, restrict the cover provided, impose additional terms, alter the premium or cancel the applicable section of the policy or cancel the whole policy in its entirety.

- 1. It is a condition precedent to liability that you must take all steps to prevent any loss, damage or injury.
- **2.** It is a condition precedent to liability that the **premises** must be maintained in a good condition, good state of repair and be structurally sound.
- 3. It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must tell **your broker** immediately if **you** stop using the **home** as **your** permanent private residence or change address.
- **4.** It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must tell **your broker** immediately if **you** regularly leave the **home** unattended by day or night other than for **your** normal job of work.
- 5. It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must tell **your broker** immediately if **you** leave the **home** without an **occupant** for more than 60 consecutive days.
- **6.** It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must immediately inform **your broker** of any change to the occupancy of the **home** from that last disclosed to **us** or if the **home** becomes illegally occupied.
- 7. It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must ensure that all protections provided for the security of the **home**, including all alarm systems and locks, are maintained in good working order and are in full and effective operation. If **you** fail to comply with any part of this condition, claims as a result of illegal entry or exit will not be covered.
- **8.** It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must tell **your broker** before **you** start any refurbishments, conversions, extensions or other structural works to the **buildings** or if there are any changes from those already disclosed to **us**.
- **9.** It is a condition precedent to liability that **you** must immediately inform **your broker** if the **home** is to be demolished or if the **home** becomes subject to compulsory purchase order.

When **your broker** receives notification of any alterations as described above, **we** or **your broker** have the option to either change the terms and conditions or issue notice of cancellation of this insurance.

# Additional Conditions Applicable Whilst Any Part Of The Premises Are Let Or Tenanted

- **1. You** must comply with all regulations/statutory conditions regarding the letting of the **premises** including, but not limited to
  - (a) the number of persons legally allowed to reside at the home.
  - (b) compliance with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988 (amended)
  - (c) having minimum legal number of smoke detectors/fire extinguishers/fire blankets installed at the home.
  - (d) holding (if applicable) an appropriate license issued by the local authority (in which the **home** is located) for the **home**.
- 2. You must ensure that all gas appliances/boilers fitted at the **home** are serviced by an individual on the Gas Safety Register within 30 days of inception of this **insurance** or not more than one calendar year from the date they were last serviced, whichever is sooner.

Thereafter **you** must have them serviced at least once every twelve months. **You** must keep in **your** possession the original dated receipts for all the servicing operations of each individual appliance (including any servicing prior to inception of this insurance) for a period of 24 months. **You** will have to produce them for **our** inspection if **we** ask for them.

# **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991**

The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 imposes certain requirements on specific types of dogs. It also places requirements in relations to dogs which are, as described by the Act, dangerously out of control.

For further guidance please see the Office of Public Sector Information Website (<a href="www.legislation.gov.uk">www.legislation.gov.uk</a>) or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

## **Defective Premises Act 1972**

The Defective Premises Act 1972 imposes duties in connection with the provision of dwellings and imposes liability for injury or damage caused to persons through defects in the state of the **premises**. Section 3 of The Defective Premises Act 1972 (or in Northern Ireland, Section 5 of The Defective Premises Northern Ireland Order 1975) extends the duty of care in certain circumstances after the dwellings have been disposed of.

For further guidance please see the Office of Public Sector Information Website (<a href="www.legislation.gov.uk">www.legislation.gov.uk</a>) or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

## **How To Make A Claim**

In the event of a claim or potential claim under this policy, please contact **our** claims team as follows:

#### Sections One, Two and Four (Property)

Innovation Property (UK) Limited, Yarmouth House, 1300 Parkway, Whiteley, Fareham PO15 7AE.

Telephone: 0344 557 7854 or Email: PropertyClaims@Innovation.Group

(Opening Hours 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, plus an Out of Office Team providing First Notification of Loss service).

#### Section Three (Liability)

Kennedys Law Claims, 6 Queen Street, Leeds LS1 2TW.

Telephone: 0344 557 6246 or Email: bspoke@kennedyslaw.com

(Opening Hours 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.)

When contacting **our** claims teams, please ensure **you** have **your** policy reference number available. **We** may record or monitor calls for training purposes or to improve the quality of **our** service.

## **Defence of claims**

We may take full responsibility for conducting, defending or settling any claim in your name and any action we consider necessary to enforce your rights or our rights under this insurance.

# Claims Conditions Applicable To The Whole Of This Insurance

**Your** duties in the event of a claim or possible claim under this insurance:

- 1. You must notify our appointed claims management teams, as soon as possible of all incidents that may give rise to a claim. This must be no later than 30 days from the date of the incident. If the incident is as a direct result of loss, theft or any malicious act, then the incident must be reported to the police by you within 24 hours of discovery of the incident to obtain a crime reference number. Additionally, if the incident is a direct result of riot, civil commotion, labour or political disturbances, theft, attempted theft or malicious acts then this must be notified to us within 7 days of the incident.
- 2. **You** must provide **us** with written details of what happened within 30 days of the incident and provide any other information **we** may require.
- 3. **You** must forward to **us**, by registered post and within 3 working days, any letter, writ, summons or other legal document served on **you** in connection with a claim or possible claim. **You** must not answer any correspondence, admit, deny or negotiate any claim without prior written consent. **You** must not admit liability or offer or agree to settle any claim without **our** written permission.
- 4. You must allow us or our representatives full access to your home or any building where any loss or damage has occurred and deal with the claim. We will also be entitled to defend or settle any legal action and take proceedings to recover compensation from any third party in respect of anything that is covered by this policy, we may do this in your name and for our benefit but at our expense.
- 5. **You** must not dispose of any damaged items before **we** have had the opportunity to inspect them unless **you** have been advised by **us** to dispose of them.
- 6. It is **your** responsibility to prove any loss and **you** must provide **us** with evidence of the value or age (or both) for all items involved in a claim. To help prove **your** claim **we** will require **you** to provide original purchase receipts, invoices, bank or credit card statements, instruction booklets, photographs, utility bills, pre-purchase surveys or plans and deeds of **your home**.
- 7. **You** must take care to limit any loss, damage or injury.
- 8. You must not make a claim which is fraudulent and/or intentionally exaggerated and/or supported by any fraudulent statements or other devices. If you do, we will not pay any part of your fraudulent claim. In addition, we will have the right to:
  - (a) treat this policy as terminated from the date of your fraudulent act;
  - (b) recover from you any amounts that we have paid in respect of your fraudulent claim.

9. **You** must pay all premiums that are due. If any premium that is due has not been paid at the time of any claim or incident giving rise to a claim, it may result in **your** claim not being paid and **your** policy voided.

Failure to comply fully with any of the claims conditions listed above will prejudice **you** in the event of a claim, which may result in **your** claim not being paid in full or paid at all.

## **Claims Limitations and Settlement Provisions**

# Applicable To Section One - Buildings

#### Settling claims - How we deal with your claim

If your claim for loss or damage is covered under section one, we will pay the full cost of repair as long as:

- the **buildings** were in a good state of repair immediately prior to the loss or damage;
- the sum insured is enough to pay for full cost of rebuilding the **buildings** in their present form;
- the damage has been repaired or the loss has been reinstated.

We will subtract an amount for wear and tear or betterment from the cost of any replacement or repair if immediately before the loss or damage the **buildings** were not in a good state of repair.

We will not pay the cost of replacing or repairing any undamaged parts of the **buildings** which form part of a pair, set, suite or part of a common design or function when the loss or damage is restricted to a clearly identifiable area or to a specific part.

If at the time of loss or damage it is **your** intention to demolish the **building**, **our** liability shall be limited to the additional costs of Debris Removal solely incurred as a result of such loss or damage.

#### Your sum insured

**We** will not reduce the sum insured under section one after **we** have paid a claim as long as **you** agree to carry out **our** recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.

If **you** are under insured, which means the cost of rebuilding the **buildings** at the time of loss or damage is more than **your** sum insured for the **buildings**, then **we** will proportionally reduce the amount of any claim payment made by the percentage of under payment of the premium which has arisen. For example, if the premium **you** have paid for **your buildings** insurance is equal to 75% of what **your** premium would have been if **your buildings** sum insured was enough to reconstruct **your buildings**, then **we** will pay up to 75% of any claim made by **you**.

The sums insured in this section will be index linked at each renewal of **your** policy in line with The House Rebuilding Cost Index issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. At renewal, the premium will be charged on the adjusted sum insured. For **your** protection should the index fall below zero **we** will not reduce the sum insured.

## Limit of insurance

**We** will not pay more than the sum insured for each **premises** shown in the **schedule**, including any expenses **you** have to pay and which **we** have agreed in writing for architects, surveyors, consulting engineers and legal fees.

# **Applicable to Section Two - Contents**

#### Settling claims - How we deal with your claim

If **you** claim for loss or damage to the **contents**, **we** will at **our** option repair, replace or pay for any article covered under section two.

For total loss or destruction of any article we will pay you the cost of replacing the article as new, as long as:

- the new article is as close as possible to but not an improvement on the original article when it was new; and
- you have paid or we have authorised the cost of replacement.

The above basis of settlement will not apply to:

- clothes,
- pedal cycles,
- or mobile phones

where we will take off an amount for wear and tear and depreciation.

We will not pay the cost of replacing or repairing any undamaged parts of the **contents** which form part of a pair, set or suite or part of a common design or function when the loss or damage is restricted to a clearly identifiable area or to a specific part.

#### Your sum insured

We will not reduce the sum insured under section two after we have paid a claim as long as you agree to carry out our recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.

If you are under insured, which means the cost of replacing or repairing the contents at the time of the loss or damage is more than your sum insured for the contents, then we will proportionally reduce the amount of any claim payment made by the percentage of under payment of premium which has arisen as a result of the shortfall in the sum insured. For example if the premium you have paid for your contents insurance is equal to 75% of what the premium would have been if your contents sum insured was enough to replace the entire contents as new, then we will pay up to 75% of any claim made by you.

The sums insured in this section will be index linked at each renewal of **your** policy in line with The Consumer Durables Section of the General Index of Retail Prices or a similar index selected by **us**. At renewal, the premium will be charged on the adjusted sum insured. For **your** protection should the index fall below zero **we** will not reduce the sum insured.

# Limit of insurance

We will not pay any more than the sum insured for the **contents** of each **premises** shown in the **schedule** including any payments for loss of rent or alternative accommodation.

#### Seasonal Increase

The **contents** sum insured is automatically increased by 10% during the month of December.

# Applicable to Section Three – Legal Liability Parts A, B & C

#### Limit of insurance

We will not pay more than £2,000,000 unless otherwise stated in the schedule for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one event, plus the costs and expenses which we have agreed in writing.

We will not pay;

- in respect of pollution and/or contamination more than £2,000,000 in all
- in respect of other liability covered under section three:-

more than £2,000,000 in all unless otherwise stated in the schedule for Parts A and C, £100,000 for Part B for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one event, plus the costs and expenses which we have agreed in writing.

# Applicable to Section Three – Legal Liability Part D (Accidents to Domestic Staff)

#### Limit of insurance

**We** will not pay more than £5,000,000 for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one event, plus the costs and expenses which **we** have agreed in writing.

# Applicable To Section Four – Valuables, Personal Possessions and Pedal Cycles

#### Settling claims - How we deal with your claim

We will at our option repair, replace or pay for any article lost or damaged.

If any insured item which is part of a pair or set and has an insured value of £1,500 or over:

- we will not pay for the cost of replacing any undamaged or remaining items that form part of such pair or set.
- we will not pay more than the proportion that the lost or damaged item bears to the insured value of such pair or set.

#### Your sum insured

If the total value of unspecified items at the time of the loss or damage is more than **your** sum insured for such items, then **we** will only pay up to the value of the items listed on **your** policy **schedule**.

However, if **personal possessions** are lost or damaged away from the **home we** will not take account of the value of **personal possessions** in the **home** at the time of such loss or damage.

#### Limit of insurance

**We** will not pay more than the sum(s) insured shown in the **schedule**.

# What to do if you have a Complaint - Enquiries and Complaints Procedure

Should there ever be an occasion where **you** need to complain, **we** will endeavour to resolve this as quickly and fairly as possible. **We** are committed to treating **our** customers fairly.

However, **we** realise that there maybe times when things go wrong. If this happens, please use the most suitable contact from the following list. Please state, **your** name, the nature of **your** complaint, and, if applicable, the policy and/or claim reference.

#### **POLICY ADMINISTRATION ISSUES**

If you wish to make a complaint about your policy administration and documents, you should contact your broker.

#### **CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION ISSUES**

If your complaint is about a claim, you should refer the matter to the relevant claims specialists as follows:

Sections One, Two and Four	Section Three
Property Claims	Liability Claims
Complaints	Complaints
Innovation Property (UK) Limited	Kennedys Law
Yarmouth House, 1300 Parkway	6 Queen Street
Whiteley, Fareham PO15 7AE	Leeds LS1 2TW
Telephone: <b>0344 557 7854</b>	Telephone: <b>0344 557 6246</b>

Alternatively you can ask your broker to refer the matter on for you.

Please quote **your** policy number and claim reference (if applicable) in all correspondence so that **your** concerns may be dealt with speedily.

## What happens next?

If **we** have not completed **our** investigations into **your** complaint within 8 weeks of receiving **your** complaint or if **you** are not happy with **our** Final Response, **you** may ask the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) to look at **your** complaint. If **you** decide to contact them, **you** should do so within 6 months of receiving **our** Final Response Letter.

The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR

Telephone: 08000 234 567 Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Please note, taking your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman does not affect your statutory rights.

# **General Exclusions Applicable To The Whole Of This Insurance**

We will not cover:

#### a) Radioactive Contamination and Nuclear Assemblies Exclusion

We will not pay for:

- loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom.
- any legal liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:-
  - (i) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel,
  - (ii) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

## b) War Exclusion

We will not pay for any loss or damage or liability directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through or in consequence of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power, or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

## c) Existing and Deliberate Damage Exclusion

We will not pay for loss or damage:

- occurring before cover starts or arising from an event before cover starts
- caused deliberately by you or your representatives

#### d) Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 Clarification Clause

A person who is not a party to this insurance has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this insurance but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

## e) Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Clause

We will not pay for:

- 1. Loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom;
- 2. Any legal liability of whatsoever nature;
- 3. Death or injury to any person;

Directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from Nuclear, Biological or Chemical contamination due to or arising from;

- Terrorism; and/or
- Steps taken to prevent, suppress, control or reduce the consequences of any actual, attempted, threatened, suspected or perceived terrorism.

For the purposes of this exclusion "terrorism" means any act(s) of any person(s) or organisation(s) involving:

- The causing, occasioning or threatening of harm of whatever nature and by whatever means;
- Putting the public or any section of the public in fear;

In circumstances in which it is reasonable to conclude that the purpose(s) of the person(s) or organisation(s) concerned are wholly or partly of a political, religious, ideological or similar nature.

#### f) Contamination and Pollution Exclusion

We will not pay for any loss, damage or liability, directly or indirectly, caused by any one or more of the following, whether or not acting in any sequence with any other cause:

- a) pollution, contamination, soot, deposit, impairment with dust, chemical precipitation, adulteration or impurification;
- b) poisoning, disease or illness, **epidemic** or **pandemic** (including any contagious disease that affects animals) or any limitation or prevention of the use of objects because of hazards or potential hazards to human or animal health.

For the purpose of this exclusion, epidemic and pandemic are defined as the following:

**Epidemic** The sudden, unexpected, large-scale manifestation of an initially locally contained, infectious disease which spreads with great virulence.

**Pandemic** A worldwide epidemic of a disease as declared by the World Health Organization.

This exclusion does not apply if such loss or damage arises out of one or more of the following perils:

fire and resultant smoke damage, lightning, explosion, earthquake, impact of aircraft, storm, flood, weight of snow, escape of water from fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, **subsidence**, **heave** or **landslip**, collision by any vehicle or animal, volcanic eruption.

#### g) Micro-organism Exclusion

**We** will not pay for any loss, damage, claim cost, expenses or other sum directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to:

Mould, mildew, fungus, spores or other micro-organism of any type, nature or description, including but not limited to any substance whose presence poses an actual threat to human health.

This exclusion applies regardless whether there is:

- Any physical loss or damage to insured property
- Any insured peril or cause, whether or not contributing concurrently or in any sequence
- Any one loss, occupancy or functionality
- Any action required, including but not limited to repair, replacement, removal, cleanup, abatement, disposal, relocation or steps taken to address medical or legal concerns

#### h) Diminution in Value Exclusion

**We** will not pay for any reduction in value of the property insured following repair or replacement paid for under this insurance.

## i) Contractors Exclusion

**We** will not pay for any loss, damage or liability arising out of the activities of contractors. For the purpose of this exclusion a contractor is defined as any person, company or organisation working at or on the **premises**, including where **you** are working in **your** capacity as a professional tradesman.

## j) Electronic Data Exclusion

We will not pay for:

Loss, damage, destruction, distortion, erasure, corruption or alteration of **Electronic data** from any cause whatsoever (including but not limited to **Computer virus**) or loss of use, reduction in functionality, cost, expense of whatsoever nature resulting therefrom, regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss.

However in the event of a fire or explosion resulting from any matter described above, this insurance will cover physical damage occurring during the policy period to the property insured by the original policy.

Should **Electronic data** processing media insured by this policy suffer physical loss or damage insured by this policy, then the basis of valuation shall be the cost of the blank media plus the costs of copying the **Electronic data** from back-up or from originals of a previous generation. These costs will not include research and engineering or any costs of recreating, gathering or assembling such **Electronic data**. If the media is not repaired, replaced or restored the basis of valuation shall be the cost of the blank media. However this insurance does not insure any amount pertaining to the value of such **Electronic data** to the **Insured** or any other party, even if such **Electronic data** cannot be recreated, gathered or assembled.

# k) Faulty Workmanship Exclusion

We will not pay for:

Any loss or damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials

#### I) Wear and Tear Exclusion

We will not pay for:

Any loss or damage caused by wear and tear or any other gradual operating cause

# m) Domestic Pets, Insects or Vermin Exclusion

We will not pay for:

Any loss or damage caused by domestic pets, insects or vermin

#### n) Sanction Limitation and Exclusion

**We** shall not provide any benefit under this contract of insurance to the extent of providing cover, payment of any claim or the provision of any benefit where doing so would breach any sanction, prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.

## o) Other insurance

**We** will not pay any claim if any loss, damage or liability covered under this insurance contract is also covered wholly or in part under any other insurance contract except in respect of any **excess** beyond the amount which would have been covered under such other insurance contract had this insurance contract not been effected.

## p) Communicable Disease Exclusion

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this insurance does not cover;

Any actual or alleged loss, damage, liability, injury, sickness, cost or expense, regardless of any other cause contributing concurrently or in any sequence, in any way caused by or resulting directly or indirectly:

- (a) infectious or contagious disease;
- (b) any fear or threat of (a) above; or
- (c) any action taken to minimise or prevent the impact of (a) above.

Infectious or contagious disease means any disease capable of being transmitted from an infected person, animal or species to another person, animal or species by any means.

#### q) Illegal or Criminal Acts Exclusion

**We** will not pay for any loss, damage or liability arising from any illegal or criminal act by **you**, or any paying guest, lodger, tenant or anyone lawfully on the **premises**.

# **Section One - Buildings**

This part of the policy wordings sets out the cover **we** provide for the **buildings** at the **premises** 

Part a) Standard Cover		
What is covered	What is not covered	
This insurance covers the <b>buildings</b> for loss or damage directly caused by	We will not pay	
fire and resultant smoke damage, lightning, explosion or earthquake	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	
aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	
3. storm, flood or weight of snow	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	
	b) for loss or damage caused by <b>subsidence</b> , <b>heave</b> or <b>landslip</b> other than as covered under number 9 of Section One	
	c) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks in the open, swimming pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, paths, gates and fences	
	d) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>	
	e) for loss or damage to <b>buildings</b> caused by frost	
	f) for loss or damage caused by rising groundwater or a change in the water table level	
4. escape of water from and frost damage to fixed	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	
water tanks, apparatus or pipes	b) for loss or damage caused by <b>subsidence</b> , <b>heave</b> or <b>landslip</b> other than as covered under number 9 of Section One	
	c) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks and swimming pools	
	d) for loss or damage caused by the failure or lack of grout and/or sealant	
	e) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>	
	f) for loss or damage caused by wet or dry rot	
	g) for repairs to any faulty apparatus or pipe	
5. escape of oil from a fixed domestic oil-fired	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	
heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation	b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>	

6.	theft or attempted theft	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
	·	b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		c) for loss or damage caused by any person lawfully at the <b>premises</b>
		d) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is lent, let or sublet unless the loss or damage follows a violent and forcible entry to or exit from
7.	collision by any vehicle or animal	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
		b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
8.	malicious damage, riot, violent disorder, strike,	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
	labour disturbance or civil commotion	b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		c) for loss or damage caused by any person lawfully at the <b>premises</b>
9.	subsidence or heave of the site upon which the buildings stand or landslip	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
		b) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks, swimming pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences unless the private dwelling is also affected at the same time by the same event
		c) for loss or damage to solid floors unless the walls of the private dwelling are damaged at the same time by the same event
		d) for loss or damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials
		e) for loss or damage which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or a guarantee or by law
		f) for loss or damage caused by coastal or riverbank erosion
		g) for loss or damage whilst the <b>buildings</b> are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions
		h) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		i) for loss or damage caused by new structures bedding down, settling, expanding or shrinking

breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes and their fittings and masts	a) the excess shown in the schedule b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule
11. falling trees, telegraph poles or lamp-posts	a) the excess shown in the schedule b) for loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the premises
	c) for loss or damage to gates and fences
	d) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>

# Section One - Buildings (continued)

# **Additional Benefits**

What is covered	What is not covered
This section of the insurance also covers	We will not pay
<ul> <li>A) the cost of repairing accidental damage to</li> <li>fixed glass and double glazing (including the cost of replacing frames)</li> <li>solar panels</li> <li>sanitary ware</li> <li>ceramic hobs</li> <li>all forming part of the buildings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) the excess shown in the schedule</li> <li>b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule</li> <li>c) for damage caused by chipping, denting or scratching</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>B) the cost of repairing accidental damage to</li> <li>domestic oil pipes</li> <li>underground water-supply pipes</li> <li>underground sewers, drains and septic tanks</li> <li>underground gas pipes</li> <li>underground cables</li> <li>which you are legally liable for</li> </ul>	a) the excess shown in the schedule b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule
C) additional costs of alternative accommodation, substantially the same as <b>your</b> existing accommodation, which <b>you</b> have to pay for while the <b>buildings</b> cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section One	<ul> <li>a) any amount over 25% of the sum insured for the buildings damaged or destroyed</li> <li>b) any amount hereunder if a claim has been made for the same event under Section One D) Loss of rent</li> <li>c) any amount in respect of alternative accommodation if the premises are lent, let or sub-let</li> <li>d) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied</li> </ul>

D)	loss of rental income for any part of your premises that are let or tenanted which is contractually due to you and which you are unable to recover for a period necessary to repair the buildings following a loss or damage to buildings which is covered under Section One - Buildings	a) any amount over 25% of the sum insured for the <b>buildings</b> damaged or destroyed
		b) for loss of rent arising from the tenants leaving the <b>buildings</b> without giving <b>you</b> notice
		c) for loss of rent that the tenants have not paid
		d) for loss of rent to any <b>buildings</b> that were <b>unoccupied</b> immediately before the insured event giving rise to a claim unless Holiday Let Annex is shown in the <b>schedule</b> and evidence of a rental agreement was in place at the time of the loss
		e) for loss of rent or any other expenses <b>you</b> must pay to the letting agent
		f) for loss of rent arising from any part of the <b>home</b> that is used for anything other than domestic accommodation
		g) for loss of rent after the <b>premises</b> is fit to be let out
		h) any amount hereunder if a claim has been made for the same event under Section One C) Alternative accommodation
E)	expenses <b>you</b> have to pay and which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing for	a) any expenses for preparing a claim or an estimate of loss or damage
	<ul> <li>architects', surveyors', consulting engineers' and legal fees</li> </ul>	b) any costs if Government or local authority requirements have been served on <b>you</b> before the
	<ul> <li>the cost of removing debris and making safe the building</li> </ul>	loss or damage
	<ul> <li>costs you have to pay in order to comply with any Government or local authority requirements</li> </ul>	
	following loss or damage to the <b>buildings</b> which is covered under Section One	
F)	increased domestic metered water charges <b>you</b> have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4	a) more than £1,000 in any one <b>period of insurance</b> . If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under Section One or Section Two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £1,000 in total
	of Section One	b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
G)	anyone buying the <b>home</b> who will have the benefit of Section One until the sale is completed or the insurance ends, whichever is sooner	a) if the <b>buildings</b> are insured under any other insurance

Н)	expenses <b>you</b> have to pay and which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing for the cost of removal, repairing, replacing or reinstating any part of the <b>buildings</b> , which is necessary to establish the source of a water leak from any fixed water appliance, pipe or tank, which has given rise to a claim under Section One	<ul> <li>a) more than £5,000 in any one period of insurance</li> <li>b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule</li> </ul>
I)	loss or damage to <b>buildings</b> and gardens within <b>your premises</b> caused by forced entry by emergency services attending <b>your premises</b> , to deal with a medical emergency or to prevent damage to the <b>home</b>	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b> b) more than £1,000 in any one <b>period of insurance</b> in respect of damage to gardens
1)	loss or damage to trees, plants and shrubs at the <b>premises</b> following damage caused by fire, lightning explosion, theft or attempted theft, any person taking part in violent disorder, riot, civil commotion, strike, labour or political dispute, vandalism or malicious acts, collision by animals or vehicles	<ul> <li>a) the excess shown in the schedule</li> <li>b) more than £5,000 in any one period of insurance</li> <li>c) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule</li> </ul>
K)	costs involved in modifying the <b>buildings</b> where a medical or physical need has arisen following a physical and/or violent assault in the <b>home</b> , on the recommendations contained in a Medical Officer's Report	a) more than £2,500 in any one <b>period of insurance</b>
L)	your rent and temporary accommodation costs if your home cannot be lived in because you are prevented from doing so by a responsible authority:  a) following damage to a neighbouring property; or  b) because of a risk to your health and safety from something external to your home.  We will pay the additional costs that we agree to in advance, incurred for a maximum of 30 days in total in any one period of insurance for:  i) rent you are responsible for paying; and  ii) the cost of similar necessary temporary accommodation for you and that of your domestic pets.	a) For any costs incurred without our permission

# **Section One - Buildings**

# Part b) Optional Accidental Damage Extension

The following applies only if the **schedule** shows that **Accidental Damage** to the **buildings** is included.

What is covered	What is not covered	
This extension covers	We will not pay	
Accidental damage to the buildings	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	
	b) for damage or any proportion of damage which <b>we</b> specifically exclude elsewhere under section one	
	c) for the <b>buildings</b> moving, settling, shrinking, collapsing or cracking	
	d) for damage while the <b>home</b> is being altered, repaired, cleaned, maintained or extended	
	e) for damage whilst the <b>home</b> is let, tenanted or sublet	
	f) for the cost of general maintenance	
	g) for damage caused by wear and tear, infestation, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost or any other gradually operating cause	
	h) for damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials	
	<ul> <li>for damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown</li> </ul>	
	j) for damage caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to light	
	<ul> <li>for damage to swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences and fuel tanks</li> </ul>	
	<ol> <li>for any damage caused by or contributed to by or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination</li> </ol>	
	m) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>	

# **Section Two - Contents**

This part of the policy wording sets out the cover **we** provide for **contents** at the **premises** 

Part a) Standard Cover		
What is covered		What is not covered
	is insurance covers the <b>contents</b> for loss or mage directly caused by	We will not pay
1.	fire and resultant smoke damage, lightning, explosion or earthquake	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
2.	aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
3.	storm, flood or weight of snow	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
		b) for property in the open
		c) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		d) for loss or damage to <b>contents</b> caused by frost
		e) for loss or damage caused by rising groundwater or a change in the water table level
4.	escape of water from fixed water tanks,	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
	apparatus or pipes	b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		c) for loss or damage caused by wet or dry rot
		d) for loss or damage caused by the failure or lack of grout and/or sealant
		e) for repairs to any faulty apparatus or pipe
5.	escape of oil from a domestic fixed oil-fired heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation	a) the excess shown in the schedule b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule

6.	theft or attempted theft	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
		b) any amount over £5,000 for <b>contents</b> within detached domestic outbuildings and garages
		c) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		d) for loss or damage caused by any person lawfully on the <b>premises</b>
7.	collision by any vehicle or animal	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
		b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
8.	malicious damage, riot, violent disorder, strike,	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
	labour disturbance or civil commotion	b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		c) for loss or damage caused by any person lawfully at the <b>premises</b>
9.	subsidence or heave of the site upon which the	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
	buildings stand or landslip	b) for loss or damage following damage to solid floors unless the walls of the private dwelling are damaged at the same time by the same event
		c) for loss or damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials
		d) for loss or damage which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or a guarantee or by law
		e) for loss or damage whilst the <b>buildings</b> are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions
		f) for loss or damage by coastal or riverbank erosion
		g) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
		h) for loss or damage caused by new structures bedding down, settling, expanding or shrinking
10.	falling trees, telegraph poles or lamp-posts	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
		b) for loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the <b>premises</b>
		c) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>

# Section Two - Contents (continued)

# **Additional Benefits**

What is covered		What is not covered
This section of the insurance also covers		We will not pay
	<ul> <li>accidental damage to</li> <li>televisions, satellite decoders</li> <li>audio and visual equipment</li> <li>radios</li> <li>home computers</li> <li>all situated within the home</li> </ul> accidental breakage of	<ul> <li>a) the excess shown in the schedule</li> <li>b) for damage or deterioration caused in the process of cleaning, repair, renovation, or dismantling</li> <li>c) for damage to tapes, records, dvds, discs or computer software</li> <li>d) for mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown</li> <li>e) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule</li> <li>a) the excess shown in the schedule</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>fixed glass and double glazing</li> <li>sanitary ware</li> <li>forming part of the buildings which you are legally liable for as a tenant and do not have other insurance for</li> <li>mirrors</li> <li>glass tops and fixed glass in furniture</li> <li>free-standing ceramic hobs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>b) for the cost of repairing, removing or replacing frames</li> <li>c) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule</li> </ul>
C) (i)	the contents, if these are not already insured, whilst they are temporarily out of the home against loss or damage directly caused by: any of the events insured under numbers 1-10 in Section Two while the contents are:  • in any occupied private dwelling  • in any buildings where you are living or working  • in any building for valuation, cleaning or repair  • in any furniture store or self storage  • in any bank or safe deposit  fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake, theft or attempted theft while the contents are being moved to your new home or to or from any bank, safe deposit, self storage or furniture store	<ul> <li>a) the excess shown in the schedule</li> <li>b) for contents outside the United Kingdom</li> <li>c) for money or credit cards</li> <li>d) any amount over 20% of the sum insured under Section Two for contents in a furniture store</li> <li>e) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule</li> <li>f) for loss or damage by theft unless it involves forcible and violent entry to or exit from the building in which the contents are located</li> </ul>

D)	rent <b>you</b> have to pay as occupier if the <b>home</b> cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section Two	<ul> <li>a) any amount over 25% of the sum insured under section two for the contents of the building damaged or destroyed</li> <li>b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied</li> <li>c) any amount hereunder if a claim has been made for the same event under Section Two E) Alternative accommodation</li> </ul>
E)	additional costs of using alternative accommodation, substantially the same as <b>your</b> existing accommodation, which <b>you</b> have to pay for if the <b>buildings</b> cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section Two	<ul> <li>a) any amount over 25% of the sum insured under section two for the contents of the building damaged or destroyed</li> <li>b) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied</li> <li>c) any amount hereunder if a claim has been made for the same event under Section Two D) for loss of rent</li> </ul>
F)	your legal responsibility as a tenant for loss or damage to the buildings caused by loss or damage which is covered under Section Two	<ul> <li>a) the excess shown in the schedule</li> <li>b) any amount over 20% of the sum insured under Section Two for the contents of the buildings damaged or destroyed</li> <li>c) for loss or damage caused by fire, lightning or explosion to the buildings other than to the landlord's fixtures and fittings</li> <li>d) for loss or damage arising from subsidence, heave or landslip</li> <li>e) for loss or damage caused by malicious damage, riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance or civil commotion</li> <li>f) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied</li> </ul>
G)	<ul> <li>the cost of repairing accidental damage to</li> <li>domestic oil pipes</li> <li>underground water-supply pipes</li> <li>underground sewers, drains and septic tanks</li> <li>underground gas pipes</li> <li>underground cables</li> <li>which you are legally liable for as tenant only</li> </ul>	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b> b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b>

<ul> <li>H) fatal injury to you, happening at the premises shown in the schedule, caused by outward and visible violence by burglars or by fire, provided that death ensues within twelve months of such injury, for the following amounts:         <ul> <li>£10,000 for each insured person over the age of majority within the United Kingdom,</li> <li>£5,000 for each insured person under the age of majority within the United Kingdom at the time of the incident.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
costs <b>you</b> have to pay for replacing locks to safes, alarms and outside doors in the <b>home</b> following theft or loss of <b>your</b> keys	a) any amount over £750 in total b) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>	
J) increased domestic metered water charges <b>you</b> have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4 of Section Two	a) more than £1,000 in any one <b>period of insurance</b> . If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under Sections One and Two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £1,000 in total	
K) loss or damage to trees, plants and shrubs at the <b>premises</b> following damage caused by fire, lightning explosion, theft or attempted theft, any person taking part in violent disorder, riot, civil commotion, strike, labour or political dispute, vandalism or malicious acts, collision by animals or vehicles	a) more than £5,000 in any one <b>period of</b> insurance	
L) personal property of <b>your</b> visitors and <b>domestic staff</b> within the <b>home</b>	a) more than £1,000 for any one claim	
M) loss or damage to <b>contents</b> temporarily at a boarding school or university halls of residence whilst <b>you</b> are attending further education	a) any amount over £2,500 in total b) theft cover unless following forcible and violent entry or exit from the premises where the <b>contents</b> are located	
N) up to £2,500 for gifts in the <b>home</b> relating to a wedding, birthday, anniversary, religious or other celebration for a member of <b>your</b> family including for a period of one month before and one month after the event	a) for damage more specifically excluded under Section Two Contents	

O) **your** rent and temporary accommodation a) for any costs incurred without our permission costs if **your home** cannot be lived in because you are prevented from doing so by a responsible authority: a) following damage to a neighbouring property; or b) because of a risk to your health and safety from something external to your home. We will pay the additional costs that we agree to in advance, incurred for a maximum of 30 days in total in any one **period of insurance** for: i) rent you are responsible for paying; and ii) the cost of similar necessary temporary accommodation for you and that of your domestic pet(s). P) the cost of replacing your food in your fridge a) the first £100 of each and every claim or freezer if it is spoiled due to a change in b) for loss or damage caused by any electricity or gas temperature or contaminated by refrigeration company cutting off or restricting your supply fumes c) for loss or damage due to the failure of your electricity or gas supply caused by a strike or any other industrial action d) for loss or damage while the home is unoccupied unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the schedule e) more than £750 in any one period of insurance

# **Part b) Optional Accidental Damage Extension**

The following applies only if the **schedule** shows that **accidental damage** to **contents** is included.

This extension covers	We will not pay
Accidental damage to the contents within the	a) the <b>excess</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>
home	b) for damage or any proportion of damage which <b>we</b> specifically exclude elsewhere under Section Two
d	c) for damage to <b>contents</b> within garages and outbuildings
	<ul> <li>d) for damage or deterioration of any article caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon</li> </ul>
	e) for damage caused by chewing, tearing, scratching or fouling by animals
	f) for money, credit cards, documents or stamps
h) i)  j) k)	g) for damage to contact, corneal or micro corneal lenses
	h) for damage while the <b>home</b> is lent, let or sub-let
	<ul> <li>i) for damage caused by wear and tear, insects, vermin, infestation, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost or any other gradually operating cause</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>j) for damage arising out of faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials</li> </ul>
	k) for damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown
	for damage caused by dryness, dampness, extremes     of temperature and exposure to light
	m) for any loss or damage caused by or contributed to by or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination
n)	n) for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the <b>schedule</b>
	o) for loss or damage arising from demolition, structural alteration or structural repair of the <b>buildings</b>

# **Section Three - Legal Liability**

This part of the policy sets out the cover we provide in respect of your legal liability to others

This section applies only if the **schedule** shows that either the **buildings** are insured under section one or the **contents** are insured under Section Two of this insurance.

#### Part A

Part A of this section applies in the following way:

- if the **buildings** only are insured, **your** legal liability as owner only but not as occupier is covered under Part A (i) below.
- if the **contents** only are insured, **your** legal liability as occupier only but not as owner is covered under Part A (i) and Part A (ii) below.
- if the **buildings** and **contents** are insured, **your** legal liability as owner or occupier is covered under Part A (i) and Part A (ii) below.

What is not covered	
<b>Ne</b> will not compensate <b>you</b> for any liability	
a) for any amount in excess of £2,000,000 unless stated otherwise in the <b>schedule</b>	
o) for bodily injury to         • you             • any other permanent member of the home that are not tenants, lodgers or paying guests             • any person who at the time of sustaining such injury is engaged in your service             • for bodily injury arising directly or indirectly from any communicable disease or condition             • anising out of any criminal or violent act to another person             • for damage to property owned by or in the charge or control of             • you             • any other permanent member of the home that are not tenants, lodgers or paying guests             • any person engaged in your service             • in Canada or the United States of America after the total period of stay in either or both countries has exceeded 30 days in the period of insurance             • arising directly or indirectly out of any profession, occupation, business or employment             • which you have assumed under contract and which would not otherwise have attached  (Exclusions continued over the page)	
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# **Section Three - Legal Liability**

# Part A (continued)

What is not covered
We will not compensate you for any liability
i) arising out of <b>your</b> ownership, possession or use of:
i) any motorised or horsedrawn vehicle other than:
<ul> <li>domestic gardening equipment used within the premises and</li> <li>pedestrian controlled gardening equipment used elsewhere</li> </ul>
ii) any power-operated lift
iii) any aircraft or watercraft other than operated rowing boats, punts or canoes
iv) any animal other than cats, horses or dogs which are not designated as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991
j) in respect of any kind of pollution and/or contamination other than:
<ul> <li>caused by a sudden, identified, unexpected and unforeseen accident which happens in its entirety at a specific moment of time during the period of insurance at the premises named in the schedule; and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>reported to us not later than 30 days from the end of the period of insurance;</li> </ul>
in which case all such pollution and/or contamination arising out of such accident shall be deemed to have happened at the time of such accident
k) arising out of <b>your</b> ownership, occupation, possession or use of any land or building that is not within the <b>premises</b>
I) if <b>you</b> are entitled to compensation under any other insurance, including but not limited to any horse or travel insurance, until such insurance(s) is exhausted

# Section Three - Legal Liability (continued)

# Part B

What is covered	What is not covered		
We will compensate you for	We will not compensate you		
sums which <b>you</b> have been awarded by a court in the <b>United Kingdom</b> and which still remain outstanding 3 months after the award has been made provided that:	b) for any amount in excess of £100,000		
Part A(ii) of this section would have indemnified you had the award been made against you rather than to you			
there is no appeal pending			
you agree to allow us to enforce any right which     we shall become entitled to upon making     payment			

# Part C

We will compensate you for	We will not compensate you
any amount <b>you</b> become legally liable to pay under	a) for any amount in excess of £2,000,000
ection 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 in onnection with any <b>home</b> previously owned and ccupied by <b>you</b>	b) for any liability if <b>you</b> are entitled to compensation under any other insurance
	c) for the cost of repairing any fault or alleged fault

# Part D

We will compensate you for	We will not compensate you
amounts <b>you</b> become legally liable to pay, including costs and expenses which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing, for <b>bodily injury</b> by accident happening during the <b>period of insurance</b> anywhere in the world to <b>your domestic staff</b> employed in connection with the <b>premises</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	<ul> <li>a) for any amount in excess of £5,000,000</li> <li>b) for bodily injury arising directly or indirectly         <ul> <li>from any vehicle outside the premises</li> <li>from any vehicle used for racing, pace making or speed testing</li> <li>from any communicable disease or condition</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) in Canada or the United States of America after the total period of stay has exceeded 30 days during the period of insurance</li> </ul>

# Section Four – Valuables, Personal Possessions, Pedal Cycles, Money and Credit Cards

This section sets out the cover **we** provide for **valuables**, **personal possessions**, pedal cycles, **money** and **credit cards** 

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that it is included.

This insurance covers		We will not pay	
1)	a) Unspecified valuables and personal possessions against physical loss or damage within United Kingdom, Europe and up to 90 days Worldwide.  b) Valuables and personal possessions listed in the schedule (including any specification(s) attached to the schedule) against physical loss or damage within United Kingdom, Europe and up to 90 days Worldwide.	a) b)	the excess shown in the schedule for damage caused by moth, vermin, dry or wet rot, wear and tear or any gradually operating cause for damage from electrical or mechanical faults or
		d)	breakdown any amount over £1,500 (or 50% of the unspecified valuables and personal possessions sum insured, whichever is less) for any one item (including articles forming a pair or set) unless specified otherwise in
		e)	the <b>schedule</b> or the specification(s) attached to the <b>schedule</b> for damage or deterioration of any article caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon
		f)	for damage to guns caused by rusting or bursting of barrels
		g)	for breakage of any sports equipment whilst in use
		h)	for any loss of or damage to contact, corneal or micro corneal lenses, hearing aids and dental appliances
		i)	for theft or disappearance of <b>valuables</b> from baggage unless such baggage is carried by hand and under <b>your</b> personal supervision
		j)	any amount over £750 for mobile telephones and computer equipment in any one <b>period of insurance</b> unless otherwise specified in the <b>schedule</b>
		k)	any amount over £1,000 in total in respect of theft or disappearance of property from any vehicle when such vehicle is left unattended without an authorised occupant
		l)	for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is lent, let or sublet
		m)	for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> unless Holiday/Second Home, is stated in the <b>schedule</b>

## 2) Pedal cycles

The cost of repairing or replacing **your** pedal cycles (as described in the **schedule**) following:

- theft or attempted theft
- accidental damage

anywhere in the United Kingdom and Europe

- a) the excess shown in the schedule
- b) for loss or damage to:
  - tyres
  - lamps
  - accessories

unless the cycle is stolen or damaged at the same time

- c) for loss or damage due to wear and tear or any gradually operating cause
- d) for damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown
- e) for loss or damage while the cycle is used for racing or pace making or is let out on hire or is used other than for private purposes
- f) to replace a stolen cycle unless it was locked to an immovable object or kept in a locked building at the time of the theft
- g) any amount over £750 per cycle unless the individual cycles has been specified within the **schedule**
- h) for loss or damage while the **home** is **unoccupied** unless Holiday/Second Home or Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the **schedule**

# 3) Money and Credit Cards

- a) theft or accidental loss of money
- b) any amounts which **you** become legally liable to pay as a result of unauthorised use following loss or theft of **your credit card(s)**

within **United Kingdom,** Europe and up to 30 days Worldwide provided that;

- within 24 hours of your discovering any such loss or theft, you have notified the police and, in the case of credit card(s), the card issuing company; and
- ii. you have complied with all other conditions under which your credit card(s) were issued to you

- a) the excess shown in the schedule
- b) to make up any shortages due to error or omission
- c) for loss of value
- d) more than £500 in any one **period of insurance** in respect of **money**
- e) more than £1,000 in any one **period of insurance** in respect of **credit cards**
- f) for any loss if **you** or **your** family have not complied with the terms and conditions of the issuing authority
- g) for loss or damage while the **home** is **unoccupied** unless Extended Unoccupancy is stated in the **schedule**
- h) for loss by theft while the **home** is lent, let or sub-let