



your home insurance policy wording

A handy booklet setting the terms and conditions of your home insurance



Need to speak to us?

General enquiries

Contact us via https://www.umbrl.co.uk/contact

Claims

Home insurance claims

Visit 24/7 365 days a year www.umbrl.co.uk/claims

Home emergency cover claims and helpline

Please check **your policy schedule** if **you** have this cover. Visit 24/7 365 days a year <u>www.umbrl.co.uk/claims</u>. This cover has its own policy wording.

Legal expenses cover claims and helpline

Please check **your policy schedule** if **you** have this cover. Visit 24/7 365 days a year <u>www.umbrl.co.uk/claims</u>. This cover has its own policy wording.



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Welcome to umbrl

It's great to have **you** with **us**. In this booklet, **you**'ll find all the details about **your** home insurance policy. There are few points **we** would like to highlight.

Your policy

We have detailed your policy in the **policy** documents, which are:

- Your policy wording
- Your policy schedule
- Your statement of facts

It's important that **you** read these **policy documents** together to make sure **you** know what's covered and what's not, and that everything is in order.

These documents apply in their entirety and it's **your** responsibility to make sure that **you**'re aware of the terms of this policy.

Checking your policy is accurate and keeping your policy up to date

Your policy documents are based on the information you gave us when you purchased your policy, and which is stated in your statement of facts.

It's important to get in touch immediately if any of the information in **your policy schedule** or statement of facts is wrong, or if **you** need to make changes during **your insurance period**.

Cover period

Check **your policy schedule** to see how long **your** buildings, contents and/or any add-on covers are valid for. It's always 12 months from the policy start date, unless **your** policy gets cancelled.

A quick look at your policy

Refer to **your policy schedule** to see what type of insurance **you**'ve purchased, **your** level of cover, **your excesses** and **your** cover limits.

Your policy schedule will also show if you've purchased home emergency cover and/or legal expenses cover. They are provided by Arc Legal and have their own policy wording.

- Home emergency cover: it helps to arrange and pay for work to repair damage that was caused by an emergency in your home
- Legal expenses cover: it helps towards legal fees for certain types of disputes and legal advice

If you've purchased them, you'll find the policy wordings of your home emergency cover and of your legal expenses cover in your customer portal on https://customerportal.umbrl.co.uk.



About umbrl and the way we trade

umbrl is a trading name of Umbrl Limited.

Umbrl Limited is a limited company registered in England and Wales. **Our** company number is 15284650 and **we**'re registered at 2 Jubilee Place, London, United Kingdom, SW3 3TQ, acting for and on behalf of CGICE.

Umbrl Limited is an appointed representative of City Insurance Brokers Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 831252). Umbrl Limited is included in the Financial Services Authority Register (our firm reference number is 1014619).

About your agreement

We have arranged **your** contract of insurance based on the information **you**'ve given **us**, or that was given on **your** behalf, when **you** bought home insurance from **us**.

By taking out buildings and contents insurance with **us**, **you**'re bound by two agreements:

- With Umbrl Limited, who arrange and manage your home insurance. This agreement covers umbrl's services, fees and charges.
- With Casualty & General Insurance Company (Europe) Limited (CGICE), who underwrite this buildings and contents cover. As stated in the terms and conditions of your policy documents, CGICE will cover you and your family against any liability, loss or damage to your home during the period you're insured for.

Casualty & General Insurance Company (Europe) Limited (CGICE) is registered in Gibraltar. Their company number is 89400 and they're registered at Suite 3A, Centre Plaza, 2 Horse Barrack Lane, Main Street Gibraltar.

CGICE is authorised and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission under the Financial Services (Insurance Companies Act) and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority.

The law we're governed by

Your policy is governed by the laws of England and Wales and subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

In the unlikely event that umbrl or CGICE were to go bust, **your** policy would still remain valid in the event that **you** needed to make a claim. For more details about the scheme visit www.fscs.org.uk.

Alternative format

Please contact **us** via https://www.umbrl.co.uk/contact if **you** would like to receive **your policy documents** in an alternative format, for example in large print.



Making a claim

See if you're covered

Take a look at **your policy documents**, especially **your policy schedule**, to confirm **your** coverage level and make sure **you**'ve adequately insured **your** lost or damaged property. Also check limits that may apply to **your** policy, as well the **excess you**'ll pay.

To file a claim

For a claim under the terms of this home insurance policy (not home emergency cover and not legal expenses cover), **you** can visit 24/7, 365 days <u>www.umbrl.co.uk/claims</u>.

If **you**'ve purchased home emergency cover and/or legal expenses cover and if **you** need to make a claim for these, please refer to the respective documents for these covers and visit 24/7, 365 days a year www.umbrl.co.uk/claims.

What information to have handy

When **you** submit a claim, please have the following information ready:

- Your personal details and policy number to confirm it's you
- The date and description of the incident that caused you loss or damage
- Details of what was lost or damaged, including the value (if you know)
- If someone else caused the incident, or anyone else was hurt, their information, the details of witnesses and a crime reference number (if you've one)
- The details if you're claiming for something covered by another insurance policy. We'll only pay our part of the claim

When to make a claim

You must contact **our** claims team as soon as possible, and always within 30 days of a loss or damage.

How the claims process works

After filing **your** claim online or over the phone, the claims team will:

- Gather information about what happened
- Arrange for a qualified tradesperson to reach out to you (if needed)

In some cases, a member of the claims team or an independent adjuster may get in touch to talk about **your** claim. Sometimes **we** may need more information from **you** to process **your** claim.

Typically, we'll ask you to:

- Write down and send in your claim details within 30 days of a loss or damage
- Give full written details if someone says you or your family caused damage or injury
- Send over relevant legal papers and documents
- Show receipts, bills, photos or other proof of what you're claiming



Get estimates for fixing or replacing damaged things

We'll only ever ask you for what we need. If we need **you** to send **us** additional information, **we** will cover all reasonable costs **we** agree in advance.

The excess that applies

The **excess** is the amount **you**'ll have to pay towards each separate claim.

There is a compulsory **excess** (set by **us**) and a voluntary **excess** (set by **you**); both are shown in **your policy schedule**.

The excess applying to your policy is the sum of the compulsory excess and the voluntary excess.

If you've both buildings and contents insurance, you may have different excesses for each.

Subsidence, escape of water, and liabilities may have a different compulsory **excess** from usual. **We**'ll let **you** know when that happens.

If you claim under both your buildings and contents (for example, if there's a fire that damages both) insurance, or for multiple insured risks, you'll pay the excess from the insured risk with the highest excess.



Definitions

To make sure **you** understand the details of **your** cover, **we**'ve defined the key terms in **your** policy here. They'll always have the same meaning and appear in bold to help **you** recognise them.

Accidental damage

Sudden, unexpected and physical damage that happens at a particular time, wasn't intentional and was caused by something external and identifiable.

Buildings

The structure of **your home** and its permanently installed:

- Heating systems, fixed domestic gas, oil or other fuel tanks, drains, pipes, cables, cesspits, service tanks, septic tanks
- Wind turbines, solar panels, electric vehicle charging points, heating pumps, hot tubs and swimming pools
- Driveways, decks, hedges, fences, walls, gates, footpaths, drives, patios, terraces, hard tennis courts, decking, garden lawns, boundary or garden walls

These must all be within the boundaries of the address shown in **your policy schedule**.

Contents

Your or your family's belongings, which you own and are responsible for. This includes, but is not limited to, furniture, movable fixtures e.g. carpets and curtains, personal and high-risk items, money, home office equipment,

household items and plants in pots or containers.

If you are a tenant, your contents include as well the building's fixtures and fittings you're legally responsible for under your tenancy agreement, such as aerials and satellite dishes, as long as you don't own or insure the building elsewhere, and these items aren't covered by another policy.

Contents doesn't include:

- Motorised vehicles and their parts
- Living creatures
- Lottery and raffle tickets, credit cards, bitcoin or securities
- Marquees and related items
- Business stock, tools or materials
- Items used for business or professional purposes, except home office equipment
- Items belonging to visitors visiting your home

Contents insured risks

The risks mentioned in the Contents insured risks subsection of the Contents cover section.



Domestic employee

Any person **you**'ve hired to carry out domestic duties related to **your home** and **garden**. This excludes people **you**'ve employed:

- To give medical or nursing care for you or your family
- To work for your or your family's business, trade or profession

Excess

The amount **you**'ll have to pay towards each separate claim.

Family

Your family members (e.g. your husband, wife, partner, civil partner, children, foster children, parents and any other relative) who permanently live with you in your home during the insurance period and aren't paying for their accommodation.

Garden

In the open within the boundaries of the address shown in **your policy schedule**.

Heave

Expansion or swelling of the land beneath the **buildings** resulting in upwards movement.

High-risk items

The following **contents** that belong to **you** or **your family** and which **you**'re legally responsible for:

- Jewellery (including costume jewellery)
- Watches
- Laptops

- Pedal cycles
- Antiques, rare books, pictures, paintings, prints, sculptures and works of art
- Collections (cards, coin, comic / book, medal, stamp, or wine collection)
- Curios (any collectible articles that are rare or unusual)
- Camcorders, cameras (including their accessories) and other photographic equipment, where the main function is to take photos or record videos
- Portable / non-portable audio or video equipment, televisions, games console
- Mobiles phones, computers, tablets and electronic notebooks
- Barometers, clocks, musical instruments, telescopes and binoculars
- Designers' clothes and footwears, furs, handbags and pieces of luggage
- Hearing aids, medical equipment, wheelchairs / mobility scooter
- Articles made from or containing gold, silver, other precious metals, or precious stones
- Gemstones, precious stones, or pearls
- Angling, archery, camping, or golfing equipment
- Riding tack, sailboards, skis (including water skis)
- Sporting guns and shooting equipment
- Other sporting equipment

Home

This is the main building where **you** live and which **you**'re legally responsible for, including its garages which are part of or attached to the main building and, its **outbuildings**, all used for domestic purposes only.



Home office equipment

Office equipment which **you** own or are responsible for and which **you** use to do work at **home**, for clerical work related to **your** or **your** employer's business.

These include desktop computers, laptops, phones, printers, fax machines and photocopiers.

It doesn't include any business stock.

Insurance period

The length of time **you**'re protected by **our** home insurance cover, providing **you** pay the full premium. **You**'ll find **your insurance period** in **your policy schedule**.

Landslip

The movement of land down a slope.

Money

Money you or **your family** own for personal or domestic purposes:

- Current legal tender or currency (bank notes and coins currently accepted as payment)
- Cheques, postal or money orders and postage stamps which aren't part of a collection
- Premium bonds, saving and trading stamps or certificates
- Traveller's cheques and travel tickets, including season tickets
- Luncheon vouchers, petrol coupons, phone cards and mobile-phone vouchers
- Pre-booked event and entertainment tickets, valid gift cards or tokens, reward

vouchers and tokens with cash value and electronic money cards

Motorised vehicle

Any licensed or unlicensed vehicle that's electrically or mechanically powered, propelled, or assisted, as well as its parts, spares, keys and accessories.

These vehicles include, but are not limited to:

- Adult and children's motor vehicles, craft, ride-on toys, motorcycles, e-scooters, models, and off-road vehicles, such as quad bikes
- Caravans and trailers
- Watercraft
- Aircraft, including gliders and hang-gliders, or any other flying device, such as drones
- Electrically assisted pedal cycles (except the ones mentioned in pedal cycles definition)

Motorised vehicle does not include:

- Domestic gardening equipment you use on your property and golf trolleys, both being controlled by a person on foot
- Electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters or carriages as long as they are not required to be licensed to be used on the road

Outbuildings

Detached garages, sheds, greenhouses, summer houses and other permanent and immovable structures which don't form part of the main building **you** live in but are within the boundaries of the same address shown in **your policy schedule**, used by only **you** and **your family** for personal and domestic purposes or for clerical business, and cannot be lived in.

Outbuildings doesn't include:



- Mobile homes, caravans or motor homes
- Stables or agricultural buildings
- Car ports or any structure that's open on one or more sides
- Aviaries, pigeon lofts and tree houses
- Structures made of canvas, PVC or any other non-rigid or inflatable material
- Any other structure that can be moved or isn't permanent

Pedal cycles

Pedal cycles that aren't required to be licensed to be used on the road. These include electrically assisted **pedal cycles** with a maximum power output of 250 watts and/or speed of no more than 15mph, and their tyres and accessories.

Personal possessions

Contents that are designed to be worn or carried outside your home to use for mainly personal purposes, by you and your family and are usually kept at your property. Some examples include watches, laptops, tablets and pedal cycles.

Policy documents

The following documents together make up **your** insurance contract:

- This policy wording
- Your policy schedule
- Your statement of facts

Policy schedule

Your policy schedule is the document we send to you when you buy home insurance from us.
We may update it from time to time and it lists the following information:

- Your policy number
- The type of home insurance cover you bought from us
- Your insurance period
- The sections of the policy wording that apply to you
- Your cover limits and excesses that'll apply if you make a claim

Settlement

Downward movement of the land beneath the **buildings** as a result of compaction due to the weight of the **buildings**.

Specified high-risk items

The **high-risk items** specified as such in **your policy schedule**.

Storm

A period of violent weather that's defined as:

- Wind speeds with gusts of at least 55mph
- Rain that falls at a rate of at least 30mm per hour
- Snow that falls at a rate of at least 30cm in 24 hours
- Hail that causes damage to hard surfaces and/or breaks glass

Subsidence

A downward movement of the land beneath the **buildings** that is not as a result of **settlement**.

Unfurnished

A property that doesn't have enough furniture for normal living purposes.



United Kingdom

Great Britain, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Northern Ireland.

Unoccupied

When you, your family, lodgers or tenants haven't lived in your property for more than the unoccupancy period in your policy schedule. To live in means to carry out day-to-day activities, such as cooking, eating, bathing and sleeping at your home.

We/Us/Our

Umbrl Limited, trading as umbrl, on behalf of Casualty & General Insurance Company (Europe) Limited.

You/Your

The person or persons named as policyholder(s) in **your policy schedule** or in the event of death, their legally appointed representative.



General conditions

These general conditions will always apply to **your** policy. **You** and **your family** must comply with them to have the full protection of **your** policy. If **you** don't, **we** may cancel the policy, refuse to deal with **your** claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

Keeping your policy up to date and ensuring adequate cover

Your policy documents contain all the information you've given us. It's important to tell us if any details are incorrect or change,

For example, tell **us** immediately about:

- An address change
- Extended periods of unoccupancy
- If you rent out or use your home as a holiday home
- If you use your home for business
- If you stop using the insured property as your main home
- Major building work or renovations
- Changes in number of bedrooms or bathrooms
- Criminal charges against you or anyone in your household
- The deterioration of your home's condition
- An increase in the value of your contents or your high-risk items, if the value becomes higher than your cover limits
- Changes in lodgers or paying guests
- Changes in joint policyholders

It's important **you**'re not underinsured. **We** have provided **your** sum insured, so make sure it at least matches the total value of **your contents**

and the rebuild cost of **your** property respectively. If there are any changes that may impact **your** cover, tell **us** immediately.

If **your** policy is not up to date or if **your** cover is not adequate, **we** may:

- Change the price of your premium
- Reduce your cover limits
- Reject your claim
- Make a part payment only
- Cancel your policy

When you tell us about any incorrections or changes to the information you've given us, we may adjust your premium for the rest of your insurance period and you may have to pay a fee to make changes to your policy. This covers the cost to arrange and manage your policy.

Please refer to **your policy schedule** and to the umbrl terms and conditions for more details.

Sometimes the changes **you** notify **us** of may mean **we** can no longer offer **you** cover, and **we** may have to cancel **your** policy.

2. Fraud and misleading information

In simple terms, it means **you** mustn't lie or try to deceive **us** when **you** buy insurance or file a claim. This includes giving false information,



lying to get better insurance terms, exaggerating claim, using fake documents or causing damage intentionally.

If you do any of these things, we may:

- Reject your claim(s)
- Recover from you amounts we've previously paid relating to your claim
- Cancel your policy from the time of the fraud or misrepresentation.
- Treat the policy as it never existed
- Keep premium you've paid to us
- Report you to the police.

Some examples of fraud:

- Giving false information or deliberately misleading us to secure insurance, get better terms or gain an unfair advantage from a claim
- Making false or exaggerated claim under your policy or submitting forged documents to support a claim
- Claiming for losses or damages caused by intentional actions or with your knowledge

3. How to make changes

You must tell **us** about any incorrections or changes to the information **you**'ve given **us** by accessing **your** customer portal on https://customerportal.umbrl.co.uk.

4. Taking care of your property

You and your family must keep your buildings and contents we cover in a good condition and take the necessary and reasonable steps to avoid accidents, injury, loss, or damage.

If there's an incident that results in injury, loss, or damage, **you** must act as soon as possible to

stop it from getting worse, but only if it's safe to do so.

Failing the above, if **you** make a claim under this policy, **we** may:

- Change the price of your premium
- Reduce your cover limits
- Reject your claim
- Make a part payment only
- Cancel your policy

5. Use of your property

You must use **your home** for living purpose only. However, **you** may additionally carry some clerical work on behalf of **your** business or the business of **your** employer.

You must not carry out any form of manufacturing, packaging of goods or manual work, including using machinery or tools, or store any business stock in your home (including in any outbuildings or garages which are part of or attached to the main building).

You must not have any employees working at **your home** or visitors entering **your** property for business purposes.

6. Claims

You must contact **our** claims team as soon as possible, and always within 30 days of a loss or damage.

Police report

If **your** claim involves any of the below, **you** must immediately report the incident to the police and get a crime or lost property reference number:



- Theft or attempted theft
- The loss or damage of your property because of malicious acts, vandalism, civil commotion, riots, violent disorder or strikes
- Accidental loss of any items away from home
- Loss of money

You must as well contact **us** as soon as possible, and anyway within seven days of the police report.

Claim settlements

If **you** make a claim but haven't paid the full premium for the period **you** were insured, **we** may deduct the outstanding amount from **your** claim settlement.

If **you**'re due a refund, **we**'ll make the payment into the bank account or card **we**'ve for **you** on file

What you must not do

You must not, under any circumstances:

- Admit or deny any claim made by someone else against you or your family
- Admit any liability or responsibility that an incident was your fault
- Negotiate or settle or enter into any agreement without our permission
- Dispose of damaged items that are part of your claim as we may need to see them
- Abandon your property for us to deal with, without our permission

7. Third-party rights

As per the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act, people, companies or businesses who aren't named on this policy don't have any rights to enforce the terms and conditions of **your** policy.

8. Sanctions

We will not provide cover nor be liable to pay any claim or refund any premium or provide any benefit under this policy to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim, refund of such premiums or provision of such benefit would expose us to any sanctions, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or HM Treasury.

9. Cancelling your policy

Your rights to cancel

You can cancel **your** home insurance policy at any time by logging onto **your** customer portal at https://customerportal.umbrl.co.uk.

When **you** cancel **your** policy, **you**'ll no longer be covered by **us**, including for extras **you** added to **your** home insurance with **us**, i.e. home emergency cover and legal expenses cover.

If you cancel your home insurance policy before it starts or within 14 days from the start or renewal date of your cover, or when you receive your policy or renewal documents, whichever is later, you'll get a full refund of the premium you paid, minus a cancellation fee, as long as you haven't made a claim and you don't intend to make a claim.

If you cancel your home insurance policy after 14 days from the start or renewal date of your cover, we'll keep a proportion of the premium



you paid for the period **you**'ve been covered, and **you** may have to pay a cancellation fee.

- If you haven't made a claim during the insurance period and if you don't intend to make a claim, we'll refund the remaining amount to you.
- If you've made a claim during the insurance period or if you intend to make a claim, you'll have to pay any outstanding premium and we won't issue a refund.

You can find the cancellation fee in the umbrl terms and conditions.

If you cancel your policy and there's a premium outstanding, you must pay this within 10 days. We may collect the amount owed to us using the payment details we've for you on file. If your payment is late, you may have to pay an additional late payment fee.

You can cancel **your** policy immediately only. **You** cannot cancel **your** policy on a date in the past.

Our rights to cancel

We can cancel **your** cover at any time if there's a valid reason to do so. **We**'ll notify **you** in writing by email with the reason for **our** decision as well as **our** notice period, which might be immediate.

Some examples of why **we** may cancel **your** policy are:

- You purposefully gave us information that's false, incomplete, exaggerated or misleading
- You didn't update your policy after a change in circumstances
- You ignored our requests for more information or documents

- You harassed, abused or threatened our staff or any staff working for us
- You failed to pay your premium

Where **our** investigations provide evidence of fraud or a serious non-disclosure, **we** may cancel the policy immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraud, or the date when **you** provided **us** with incomplete or inaccurate information, which may result in **your** policy being cancelled from the date **you** originally took it out.

If **we** cancel the policy, **you**'ll have to pay a cancellation fee. **You** can find the cancellation fee in the umbrl terms and conditions.

Failing to pay payments when due

The policyholder is responsible for paying the premium relating to this policy.

If **you** pay **your** premium in monthly payments and fail to make a payment, **we** may not be able to offer **you** the option to pay monthly when **you** renew **your** policy.

If **we**'re not able to collect a payment from **you** when due, **you**'ll receive a notice requesting payment. If **we** do not receive payment within 15 days of the payment due date, **we**'ll cancel the policy; the cancellation date may be in the past.

Additionally, **we**'ll cancel **your** policy at the 4th time within an **insurance period** that **we**'re not able to collect payment from **you** when due but paid within 15 days of the payment due date.

If **we** cancel the policy, **you**'ll have to pay a cancellation fee. **You** can find the cancellation fee in the umbrl terms and conditions.



10. Renewing your policy

We'll email you before **your** existing policy expires with a renewal proposal.

Automatic renewals

Unless **you** opt out, **we**'ll automatically renew **your** home insurance policy on the renewal date, using the payment details **we**'ve for **you** on file. But **we**'ll let **you** know before **we** take the payment.

If, for some reason, **we**'re not able to automatically renew **your** policy, **we**'ll email **you** before **your insurance period** ends.

Opting out

You can opt in or out of automatic renewals at any time, free of charge. Just contact us via https://www.umbrl.co.uk/contact or log into your customer portal at https://customerportal.umbrl.co.uk.

Delayed claims

If you submit a claim for damage, loss or liability after we've calculated your renewal premium, or after the renewal date for the previous insurance period, we'll adjust your renewal premium. If we can't renew your policy, we'll contact you with the details.

Inflation protection

Where you have specified the contents sum insured or buildings sum insured in your policy schedule, we will change these sums insured each month and update them each year at renewal. The update will reflect inflation in line with the Retail Price Index for the contents sum insured and the House Rebuilding Cost Index for the buildings sum insured, or any suitable alternative index we choose.

The updated sums insured and renewal premium will be shown on **your policy schedule** at renewal. **We** will not reduce sums insured if an index reduces, unless **you** ask **us** to do so.

11. Other insurance

If there is any other insurance covering the same claim, or that would have covered the claim but for the existence of this policy, we'll not make any payment under this policy, until all cover under that other insurance is exhausted. For all other claims we'll not pay more than our share of the claim, even if the other insurer refuses the claim.



General exclusions

Confiscation

We don't cover loss, damage, or responsibility resulting from goods being taken or held by customs or other authorities. However, these exclusions don't affect coverage of:

- Responsibility towards household employees
- Responsibility for injuries to residents or the public
- Liability of tenants

Damage by pests

We don't cover loss or damage by pests.

Deliberate or criminal acts

We don't cover loss, damage, or injury that you, your family or anyone in your home causes on purpose, recklessly, or illegally. This includes all forms of damage to buildings and or contents and including malicious damage and bodily injury.

Depreciation

We don't cover the loss or decrease in the value of items after they've been fixed or replaced due to damage.

Drones

We don't cover any loss or damage caused from a drone flown by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home.

Events before the start of the policy

We don't cover any loss, damage, injury, or responsibility for something that occurred before the **insurance period**.

Faulty design

We don't cover any loss or damage that happens because something was built or made poorly through poor, faulty or defective design, with bad materials, or the instructions from the manufacturer weren't followed.

Gradual causes

We don't cover loss or damage caused by an event that happens gradually over a period of time, such as damage and depreciation in value, because of:

- Normal wear and tear (including scratching, denting or other damage to the appearance)
- General lack of maintaining your home in a good state of repair, such as any necessary repair and maintenance work identified in the most recent inspection of oil tanks and pipes not being conducted
- Regularly using, maintaining, decorating and upkeeping your home and its contents
- Constant exposure to smoke
- Mildew, damp, mould or fungus
- Rust or corrosion
- Dry or wet rot
- Settlement
- River or coastal erosion



 The effects of exposure to sunlight or atmospheric conditions

Indirect loss

We don't cover losses that aren't directly linked to the incident that caused the claim (unless this policy states otherwise).

This includes:

- Costs of preparing your claim
- Fees
- Travel costs
- Lost earnings
- Compensation

Pollution or contamination

We don't cover any loss, damage, or responsibility linked to pollution or contamination, except if it's caused by a sudden, unexpected event that **you** can identify, or if it's oil leaking from **your home**'s domestic oil system.

Radioactivity

We don't cover loss, damage, expense or liability caused directly or indirectly by any nuclear energy, radioactivity of any kind including radiation, radioactive contamination or other dangerous properties of any nuclear device, part of material.

Solar flare

We don't cover loss, damage, injury or liability caused directly or indirectly by solar storm or flares.

Terrorism

We don't cover any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from, or in connection with, any act of terrorism.

For the purpose of this exclusion, 'terrorism' means the use, or threat of use, of biological, chemical, radiological and/or nuclear force or contamination by any person(s), whether acting alone, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes, including the intention to influence any government(s) or put any section of the public in fear.

War

We don't cover any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind caused directly or indirectly by war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether or not war is declared), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or similar event.



Buildings cover

This section applies if **you**'ve chosen buildings insurance for **your home**, as shown in **your policy schedule**.

We cover your buildings, up to the buildings sum insured in your policy schedule, against losses and damage that were caused by the buildings insured risks mentioned below.

There are specific cover limits and **excesses** for some buildings insured risks and some buildings covers; **you**'ll find them in **your policy schedule**.

1. Buildings insured risks

Flood and storm

We cover loss and damage caused by flood and **storm**.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To domestic fixed central heating systems, gas or oil tanks in the open, wind turbines, solar panels or solar panel heating systems
- To radio or television aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings or masts
- To swimming pools, fixed hot tubs and their fittings, fixtures, covers, enclosures and accessories
- To incomplete alterations or extensions to buildings
- Caused by flood to gates, fences, hedges, drives, patios, footpaths, decking, terraces, tennis hard courts and paths, unless your home has also been damaged at the same time and by the same cause

- Caused by storm to gates, fences, hedges, drives, patios, footpaths, decking, terraces, tennis hard courts and paths
- Caused by subsidence, heave or landslip as a result of flood or storm
- Caused by frost
- Caused by rising water table levels
- Caused by water escaping from pipes, tanks, a water main, drain, sewer or other fixed water equipment inside your buildings, unless it was caused by flood
- Caused by the gradual leaking or dripping of water into a building (for example, rising damp)

Fire, smoke, lightning, explosions and earthquakes

We cover loss and damage caused by fire, smoke, lightning, explosions and earthquakes.

We don't cover loss or damage caused by:

- smoke from volcanic ash, smog, agricultural or industrial emissions, air pollution or anything that happens gradually as a result of repeated exposure
- scorching, melting, warping, singeing or other forms of heat damage, unless these were caused by a fire



Subsidence, heave and landslip

If you experience loss or damage covered under this clause, the compulsory excess will be the *subsidence compulsory excess* in your policy schedule.

We cover loss or damage caused by subsidence, heave of the site your home stands on or landslip.

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage to any part of the buildings, unless your home is damaged at the same time and by the same cause
- Loss or damage caused by the movement of solid floors unless your home is damaged at the same time and by the same cause
- Loss or damage caused by coastal or river erosion, or normal settlement
- Loss or damage caused by structural changes, repairs or demolition
- Loss or damage caused by chemicals or their reaction with any materials your buildings are made of
- Loss or damage that is covered under a guarantee or a National House Building Council (NHBC) certificate or warranty
- Costs to repair the original cause of the subsidence

Escape of water or oil

If you experience loss or damage because of the escape of water or oil, your compulsory excess will be the escape of water compulsory excess in your policy schedule.

We cover loss or damage caused by:

 Water escaping from fixed water pipes, central heating systems or domestic appliances

- Water escaping from tanks, drainage or domestic water installations
- Water freezing in tanks, apparatus or pipes
- Oil escaping from or freezing in fixed central heating oil tanks or domestic heating appliances

- To pipes, appliances, tanks or fixed installations, unless caused by water freezing in tanks, apparatus or pipes
- To solid floors when infill materials settle, swell or shrink because of the escape of water
- Caused by any gradual water or oil leaks
- Caused by leaks from swimming pools, fixed hot tubs
- Caused by faulty or inadequate grout or sealant
- Caused by water overflowing if a tap has been left open
- Caused by water freezing in tanks, apparatus and pipes in outbuildings
- Caused by subsidence, heave or landslip resulting from the escape of water or oil
- Caused by oil escaping from storage tanks that:
 - Are made of plastic and singleskinned not meeting current pollution regulations
 - Have passed the manufacturer's guarantee period
 - 3. Are abandoned or decommissioned
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished



Falling objects

We cover loss or damage caused by:

- Falling trees or branches
- Radio aerials, telegraph poles, television aerials, satellite dishes, and their fittings and masts
- Fixed solar panels

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage to gates, fences, and hedges
- Loss or damage to the object itself
- Loss or damage during any tree maintenance, such as felling, lopping, or topping
- The cost of removing what's left of the object or of restoring or repairing the site

Collision

We cover loss or damage caused by the collision of any animal, vehicle, train, aircraft and anything falling from them.

We don't cover loss or damage caused by domestic pets.

Theft and attempted theft

We cover loss and damage caused by theft or attempted theft in **your home**.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To any building materials left in the qarden
- Caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- Caused by deception, unless deception is used by someone only to gain access to your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

- While your home is occupied by anyone except you, your family or any person allowed to be in your home, unless force and violence has been used to enter your home
- While building work is going on, unless force or violence has been used to enter your home

Malicious acts and vandalism

We cover loss or damage caused by malicious people or vandals.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- Caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished
- While your home is occupied by anyone except you, your family or any person allowed to be in your home, unless force or violence has been used to enter your home

Riot and civil commotion

We cover loss and damage caused by riots, civil commotion, labour disputes, strikes and political disturbances.

- Caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished



2. Alternative accommodation and loss of rent

We cover, up to the buildings alternative accommodation limit in your policy schedule, if you can't stay in your home because it isn't fit for you to live in following a loss or damage that's covered by your buildings insurance, or because a local authority or emergency services force you to evacuate and leave your home:

- The reasonable and necessary costs of alternative accommodation for you, your family and domestic cats and dogs
- Any rent amount you would've received as part of a rental contract if you let your home (including short-term lettings)
- Any ground rent you still need to pay

We consider your family's needs, how long you'll be in temporary accommodation for and the cost of other suitable and available nearby options when we work out reasonable costs. Before you agree to any payment, you need to ensure we agree with the costs.

We don't cover costs:

- Which you've agreed to pay without our permission
- Arising once your home is fit to live in again or after the local authority or emergency services confirm it's safe for you to return
- Incurred after ten days from the date a local authority or emergency services forced you to evacuate your home

We cover this risk under both buildings and contents insurance. If **you** make a claim for both **buildings** and **contents**, **we**'ll pay for one or the other.

3. Emergency access

We cover:

- loss or damage to your buildings when the fire, police or ambulance services force entry into your home as a result of an emergency or to prevent further damage to your property
- if you've gardens emergency cover in your policy schedule only and in this case up to the gardens emergency access limit in your policy schedule, cost to re-landscape the gardens after the fire, police or ambulance services damage your garden as a result of an emergency or to prevent further damage to your property

4. Locks and keys

We cover, up to the *locks and keys limit* in your policy schedule, the cost of replacing and installing locks and keys to the external doors and windows of your home, safes and alarm systems you use to protect your home, if you lose your keys or if someone steals the keys to the locks of your home.

We don't cover the cost of replacing locks and keys for a garage or an **outbuilding**.

We cover this risk under both buildings and contents insurance. If **you** make a claim for both **buildings** and **contents**, **we**'ll pay for one or the other.

5. Trace and access

In case of a trace and access claim, the compulsory **excess** will be the *escape of water compulsory excess* in **your policy schedule**.



We cover, up to the *trace and access limit* in your policy schedule, any reasonable and necessary costs to remove and replace parts of the building to trace the source of a water or oil leak from tanks, pipes or fixed water or heating systems.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To fixed domestic water, central heating systems, oil tanks, drains, pipes, heating installations or domestic appliances themselves
- To pitch fibre drains caused by faulty designs, materials, installations or the construction of drains and pipes
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

6. Selling your home

If you sell the home that's insured under this policy, we cover the buyer for any loss or damage by any risks mentioned in the buildings insured risks subsection of the Buildings cover section, from the date you exchange contracts (or missives in Scotland) to the sale completion date. This cover only applies if the purchase is completed.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- That happens more than 90 days before the completion of the sale
- That happens after the completion of the sale
- Which isn't covered by the standard terms and conditions of this policy
- Which is your responsibility to repair
- If the property you're selling is covered by another insurance
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

 While your home is undergoing construction, demolitions, structural changes, extensions, repairs or renovations

7. Property owner's liability

This cover applies if **you**'re the owner of the property insured under this policy.

We cover up to the *property owner's liability limit* in your policy schedule if you or your family are legally supposed to pay:

- As owners of your home, for an accidental death or physical injury to any person during your insurance period
- As owners of your home, for the accidental loss of or damage to someone else's property during your insurance period
- Costs and expenses of defending a claim we agreed on in writing beforehand
- As previous owners of any private property, under Section 3 of the Defective Premises
 Act 1972 or Section 5 of the Defective
 Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975.
 This relates to an accident that happened during your insurance period because you or your family carried out faulty work on any home you previously lived in in the
 United Kingdom

If you're both the owner and occupier of your home, this section does not cover your legal liability as the occupier of your home or your garden. You will need to arrange contents insurance which provides occupier's and personal liability cover to make sure you're adequately covered.

We don't cover:

 Any cost or expense we haven't agreed to in writing beforehand



- Costs related to fixing any fault or alleged fault that may cause accidental injury, disease or accidental loss to your property
- The death of or injury (including illness or disease) to you, your family or anyone else permanently living with you, including domestic employees, or any person who is working for you
- Loss or damage to property you, your family or anyone else permanently living with you, including domestic employees, own or are responsible for
- Any liability arising directly or indirectly if you or your family are treated for or pass on a contagious disease or virus
- Liability resulting from the use of your property for any profession, business, trade or employment
- Liability due to you or your family owning, possessing, maintaining or using a lift, hoists, any motorised vehicle or craft (including drones, mechanically propelled aerial toys, models, devices, caravans)
- Liability arising under an agreement with a third party, which wouldn't exist in the absence of that agreement
- Liability resulting from you being the occupier of your home and claiming under occupier's and personal liability cover (section Contents), or your personal liability resulting from the private pursuits of you or your family
- Liability arising from faulty work more than seven years after the work was completed



Buildings accidental damage

Check if **you**'ve no accidental damage, limited accidental damage or full accidental damage in **your policy schedule**.

1. Buildings limited accidental damage

This cover applies only if **you**'ve *buildings limited accidental damage* in **your policy schedule**.

We cover the costs of any necessary repairs or replacements if the following items are **accidentally damaged**:

- Fixed glass, including double glazed windows, doors, fan lights and skylights
- Ceramic hobs in fitted kitchen units
- Fixed sanitary fittings, such as washbasins, sinks, baths, shower trays, shower screens, toilets and bidets
- Solar panels that are part of your home

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To anything that's specifically excluded from your buildings insurance policy
- To anything that's specifically covered in other sections of this policy
- To frames and casements of windows, doors or solar panels
- Caused by subsidence, heave, landslip, shrinkage, thermal movement or settlement
- Caused by a mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure
- Caused by water entering your home
- Caused by chemicals or their reaction with any building materials of your home

- Caused by construction, alterations, extensions, renovations, repairs or demolitions
- Caused by any paying guest or tenant or while your home is let, sublet or lent
- Caused by frost, chipping, scratching, or denting
- Caused by fungus, dry or wet rot, or any atmospheric conditions
- Caused by domestic pets through chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or vomiting
- Caused by malicious acts from you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

2. Buildings full accidental damage

This cover applies only if **you**'ve *buildings full accidental damage* in **your policy schedule**.

We cover the costs of any necessary repairs or replacements if a part of **your buildings** is **accidentally damaged**. For example, if someone drops something through a floorboard of the loft.

Just so **you** know, buildings full accidental damage already includes things covered by buildings limited accidental damage.



We don't cover loss or damage:

- To anything that's specifically excluded from your buildings insurance policy
- To anything that's specifically covered in other sections of this policy
- To locks and keys for a garage or an outbuilding
- Caused by subsidence, heave,
 landslip, shrinkage, thermal movement
 or settlement
- Caused by a mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure
- Caused by water entering your home
- Caused by chemicals or their reaction with any building materials of your home
- Caused by construction, alterations, extensions, renovations, repairs or demolitions
- Caused by any paying guest or tenant or while your home is let, sublet or lent
- Caused by frost, chipping, scratching, or denting
- Caused by fungus, dry or wet rot, or any atmospheric conditions
- Caused by domestic pets through chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or vomiting
- Caused by malicious acts from you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

Accidental damage to underground drains, pipes, cables and tanks

We cover:

- Accidental damage to cables, underground drains, drain inspection covers, pipes and septic tanks. These must provide services to or from your home and you must be legally responsible for them.
- The costs of breaking into, removing the blockage, and repairing the sewer pipe up to the blockage of sewer pipe limit in your policy schedule, if the blockage is caused by accidental damage to the drains or pipes themselves.

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage to drains caused by faulty designs, materials, installations or construction
- Loss or damage to undamaged parts of pipes, cables and drains
- Loss or damage caused by gradual wear and tear or deterioration, including the gradual end of life of these cables, drains, pipes and tanks
- Loss or damage that leads to further damage, breaking into layers or the collapse of underground pitch fibre pipes
- Loss or damage while your home is unoccupied or unfurnished
- The cost to clear blockages from drains and sewer pipes, unless the blockage is caused by damage to the drains or pipes themselves



Buildings conditions

Make sure you have adequate cover

You are responsible for making sure your buildings sum insured in your policy schedule at least matches the rebuild cost of your property.

If at the time of **your** loss or damage **your** sum insured is too low, **we** may not settle **your** claim in full.

Settling claims for buildings (except liability)

When **we** settle **your** claim, **we** won't pay more than the sum **you**'re insured for, and the various limits shown in **your policy schedule**.

If we agree to settle your claim, we'll choose either to cover the cost of fixing or replace the damaged parts covered under your buildings insurance policy or pay you a cash amount that's equivalent to what it would have cost us using our chosen supplier to repair or replace.

Repairs done by **our** chosen suppliers as a result of a claim **we** settle for **you** are guaranteed for the *buildings repair guarantee period* in **your policy schedule**.

Please note:

If we choose not to fix or replace the damage, we'll pay either the amount by which your property has reduced in value due to the damage, or the estimated cost of repair, whichever is lower

- We will deduct any amount from your claim for wear and tear if your property was not in good condition when the damage occurred or if you did not do all necessary repairs promptly
- The cash payment may be less than the cost of fixing or replacing the damaged part

Debris removal and professional fees

This cover only applies if **you**'ve a successful claim for a loss or damage by risks mentioned in the buildings insured risks subsection of the Buildings cover section.

We cover the following:

- Fees of architects, surveyors, consulting engineers and legal services needed to rebuild your buildings
- The cost to clear debris from the site or prop-up parts of the damaged building(s)
- The cost to support or demolish the damaged building(s)
- The cost of meeting the requirements of the government or local authority

We don't cover:

- Any fees or costs to prepare your claim
- Any costs that you agree without our permission
- The cost of meeting the requirements of the government or local authority if you or your family knew about these requirements before experiencing loss or damage



Matching items

If you don't have *matching items cover* in your policy schedule, then, when we settle your claim, we'll cover the cost to replace individual items or parts of a pair, set, suite, or any item of uniform nature, design, or colour that have been lost or damaged, but we'll not cover undamaged matching pieces or parts.

If you've matching items cover in your policy schedule, then the below terms apply.

If you've successfully claimed for an item that's part of the matching suite under your buildings insurance cover, we'll reimburse you for specific items up to the matching items limit in your policy schedule.

We cover undamaged items in the matching set if:

- A part is damaged beyond repair
- We cannot find a replacement or reasonable match for the lost or damaged item

A reasonable match is a similar item, but not an exact match.

We cover the cost to repair or replace:

- The whole suite
- The entire floor covering
- Wall tiles that are part of a bathroom suite, a fitted kitchen or a floor covering
- An area of wall tiles

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage to floor coverings in adjacent rooms or clearly distinguishable separate areas
- The cost for a suite, floor coverings or wall tiles that are seen as a separate set

When **we** settle **your** claim for matching items, **we** may ask **you** to return any damaged or undamaged items that are part of **your** claim.

3. Settling liability claims

For any incident (or related incidents) involving legal liability under the Buildings cover section, we'll attempt to negotiate with the claimant or their legal representative to settle the claim at the lowest possible amount. However, the maximum amount we'll pay is the limit shown in your policy schedule, plus any agreed-upon costs and expenses.



Contents cover

This section applies if **you**'ve chosen contents insurance for **your home**, as shown in **your policy schedule**.

We cover against loss and damage that were caused to your contents by the contents insured risks, whilst in your home, up to the contents sum insured in your policy schedule.

The following **contents** have additional limits or cover terms, and **we**'ve described them in Section 2:

- Contents in outbuildings
- Deeds and documents
- Downloaded data file
- Domestic employee belongings
- Money

Lastly **your** contents cover contains specific covers which are described in Section 3 onwards.

There are specific cover limits and excesses for some contents insured risks and some contents covers; you'll find them in your policy schedule.

1. Contents insured risks

Flood and storm

We cover loss and damage caused by flood and **storm**.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To contents in the garden
- To radio or television aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings or masts

- Caused by subsidence, heave or landslip as a result of flood or storm
- Caused by frost
- Caused by rising water table levels
- Caused by water escaping from pipes, tanks, a water main, drain, sewer or other fixed water equipment inside your buildings, unless it was caused by flood
- Caused by the gradual leaking or dripping of water into a building (for example, rising damp)

Fire, smoke, lightning, explosions and earthquakes

We cover loss and damage caused by fire, smoke, lightning, explosions and earthquakes.

We don't cover loss or damage caused by:

- Smoke from volcanic ash, smog, agricultural or industrial emissions, air pollution or anything that happens gradually as a result of repeated exposure
- Scorching, melting, warping, singeing or other forms of heat damage, unless these were caused by a fire



Subsidence, heave and landslip

If **you** experience loss or damage covered under this clause, the compulsory **excess** will be the *subsidence compulsory excess* in **your policy schedule**.

We cover loss or damage caused by subsidence, heave of the site your home stands on or landslip.

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage caused by the movement of solid floors unless your home is damaged at the same time and by the same cause
- Loss or damage caused by coastal or river erosion or normal settlement
- Loss or damage caused by structural changes, repairs or demolition
- Loss or damage caused by chemicals or their reaction with any materials your buildings are made of
- Loss or damage that's covered under a guarantee or a National House Building Council (NHBC) certificate or warranty
- Costs to repair the original cause of the subsidence

Escape of water or oil

If you experience loss or damage because of the escape of water or oil, your compulsory excess will be the escape of water compulsory excess in your policy schedule.

We cover loss or damage caused by:

- Water escaping from fixed water pipes, central heating systems or domestic appliances
- Water escaping from tanks, drainage or domestic water installations
- Water freezing in tanks, apparatus or pipes

 Oil escaping from or freezing in fixed central heating oil tanks or domestic heating appliances

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To pipes, appliances, tanks or fixed installations
- To solid floors when infill materials settle, swell or shrink because of the escape of water
- Caused by any gradual water or oil leaks
- Caused by leaks from swimming pools, fixed hot tubs
- Caused by faulty or inadequate grout or sealant
- Caused by water overflowing if a tap has been left open
- Caused by water freezing in tanks, apparatus and pipes in outbuildings
- Caused by subsidence, heave or landslip resulting from the escape of water or oil
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

Falling objects

We cover loss or damage caused by:

- Falling trees or branches
- Radio aerials, telegraph poles, television aerials, satellite dishes, and their fittings and masts
- Fixed solar panels

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage to the object itself
- Loss or damage during any tree maintenance, such as felling, lopping, or topping
- The cost of removing what's left of the object or of restoring or repairing the site



Collision

We cover loss or damage caused by the collision of any animal, vehicle, train, aircraft and anything falling from them.

We don't cover loss or damage caused by domestic pets.

Theft and attempted theft

We cover loss or damage caused by theft or attempted theft in **your home**.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To money in your home, unless someone used force and violence to enter or leave your home
- To money and high-risk items in your outbuildings
- Caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- Caused by deception, unless deception is used by someone only to gain access to your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished
- While your home is occupied by anyone except you, your family or any person allowed to be in your home, unless force or violence is used to enter your home
- While building work is going on, unless force or violence has been used to enter your home

Malicious acts and vandalism

We cover loss or damage caused by malicious people or vandals.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- Caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished
- While your home is occupied by anyone except you, your family or any person allowed to be in your home, unless force or violence has been used to enter your home

Riot and civil commotion

We cover loss or damage caused by riots, civil commotion, labour disputes, strikes and political disturbances.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- Caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

2. Sublimits for contents cover

This section describes additional limits or cover terms for some **contents**.

Contents in outbuildings

We pay, up to the *outbuildings limit* in your policy schedule, for loss and damage caused by contents insured risks except 'theft or attempted theft' to contents you keep locked in your outbuildings.



We pay, up to the *theft from outbuildings limit* in your policy schedule, for loss and damage caused by the contents insured risk 'theft or attempted theft' to contents you keep locked in your outbuildings.

Deeds and documents

This cover applies if **you**'ve *deeds and* documents cover in **your policy schedule**.

We pay, up to the *deeds and documents limit* in your policy schedule, for loss or damage caused by contents insured risks to your title deeds and documents, which prove that you or your family own your home or property, providing you keep them inside your home.

Domestic employee belongings

This cover applies if **you**'ve *domestic employee* belongings cover in **your policy schedule**.

We pay, up to the *domestic employee* belongings limit in your policy schedule, for loss or damage caused by contents insured risks to contents that belong to your domestic employee.

Money

We pay, up to *money in the home limit* in your policy schedule, for loss or damage caused by contents insured risks to money in your main building where you live.

Downloaded data files

This cover applies if **you**'ve *downloaded data files cover* in **your policy schedule**.

We pay, up to the *downloaded data file limit* in your policy schedule, for loss or damage caused by **contents insured risks** to content

you've legally purchased and downloaded on **your** home computer.

We don't cover:

- Loss or damage to files you use for business purposes
- Loss or damage caused by computer viruses
- Loss or damage caused by you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- The cost of remaking any film, disc or tape or rewriting any of the information stored

Home office equipment

We pay, up to the *home office equipment limit* in your policy schedule, loss or damage caused by contents insured risks to home office equipment you use at home for office work.

3. Contents in the garden

We cover, up to the *contents in the garden limit* in your policy schedule, loss or damage caused by **contents insured risks** except 'flood and storm':

- To contents both kept and usually kept in the garden such as garden furniture
- To contents temporarily removed from the home into the garden
- To contents in a locked luggage boot or a concealed luggage compartment or a closed glove compartment of a fully secured and locked vehicle in the garden
- To trees, shrubs and plants while in the garden

The most we'll pay for a loss or damage for any one tree, plant or shrub is the *single plant limit* in your policy schedule.



We don't cover loss or damage:

- To pedal cycles, unless they're securely locked to a solid object that can't be moved
- To high-risk items, money or home office equipment
- Caused by animals (including pets)
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

4. Alternative accommodation and loss of rent

We cover, up to the *contents alternative* accommodation limit in your policy schedule, if you can't stay in your home because it isn't fit for you to live in following a loss or damage that's covered by your contents insurance, or because a local authority or emergency services force you to evacuate and leave your home:

- The reasonable and necessary costs of alternative accommodation for you, your family and domestic cats and dogs
- Any rent which you as a tenant are legally responsible to pay

We consider your family's needs, how long you'll be in temporary accommodation for and the cost of other suitable and available nearby options when we work out reasonable costs. Before you agree to any payment, you need to ensure we agree with the costs.

We don't cover costs:

- Which you've agreed to pay without our permission
- Arising once your home is fit for you to live in again or after the local authority or emergency services confirm it's safe for you to return
- Incurred after ten days from the date a local authority or emergency services forced you to evacuate your home

We cover this risk under both buildings and contents insurance. If **you** make a claim for both **buildings** and **contents**, **we**'ll pay for one or the other.

5. Emergency access

We cover loss or damage caused to your contents in your home when the fire, police or ambulance services force entry into your home as a result of an emergency or to prevent further damage to your property.

6. Locks and keys

We cover, up to the *locks and keys limit* in your policy schedule, the cost of replacing and installing locks and keys to the external doors and windows of your home, safes and alarm systems you use to protect your home, if you lose your keys or if someone steals the keys to the locks of your home.

We don't cover the cost of replacing locks and keys for a garage or an **outbuilding**.

We cover this risk under both buildings and contents insurance. If **you** make a claim for both **buildings** and **contents**, **we**'ll pay for one or the other.



7. Loss of water or oil

We cover, per insurance period:

- the cost of accidentally lost metered water, up to the loss of water limit in your policy schedule
- the cost of accidentally lost metered domestic heating oil, up to the loss of oil limit in your policy schedule

We don't cover for loss or damage while your home is unoccupied or unfurnished.

8. Celebration cover

We will automatically increase your contents sum insured by the *celebration cover limit* in your policy schedule for gifts you buy or receive for the occasion during your insurance period, for 14 days on either side of the date of:

- A religious festival you celebrate
- Your or a member of your family's wedding, engagement party or civil partnership
- Your or a member of your family's birthday, anniversary or birth delivery

9. Freezer food

We cover, up to the *freezer food limit* in your policy schedule, the replacement of food in your freezer that was lost or damaged by:

- The sudden rise or fall in temperature in the appliance
- The contamination from refrigerant or refrigerant fumes

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To replace food in more-than-10-year-old freezers
- Caused by a voluntary action from you or your family
- Caused by a planned electricity or gas interruption to your supply by your supplier
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished

10. Temporary removal

We cover, up to the *temporary removal limit* in your policy schedule, loss or damage caused by contents insured risks to contents you temporarily move from your home to a building or residence where you temporarily live or a purpose-built storage facility. This temporary arrangement must be in the United Kingdom and for up to 90 days.

- To contents while they're being transported
- To contents that weren't previously stored in your home or in your garden
- To contents out in the open, in an outbuilding, in a temporary structure, from a caravan, mobile home, or a motor home
- Caused by theft or attempted theft, unless someone used force and violence to enter the building, residence, or the purposebuilt storage facility
- While the building or residence where you temporarily live is unoccupied or unfurnished



11. Student cover

We cover, up to the *student cover limit* in your policy schedule, loss or damage caused by contents insured risks to contents a member of your family has taken away from home to a student accommodation in the United Kingdom where they live. They must attend a college, university or boarding school in person, in the United Kingdom.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To mobile phones and money
- To contents while they're being moved, carried or worn
- To contents out in the open, in an outbuilding, in a temporary structure, from a caravan, mobile home, or a motor home
- Caused by theft or attempted theft, unless force or violence was used to enter the student accommodation
- While their student accommodation is unoccupied or unfurnished

12. House removal

We cover loss or accidental damage to your contents while a professional removals company move them from your current home to your new home (in the United Kingdom). This cover includes storing your contents in a temporary furniture storage unit for up to seven days.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To money, high-risk items and deeds
- To china, glass and other fragile items, unless the professional removals company packed and loaded them
- Caused by a mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure

- Caused by theft or attempted theft, unless someone used force and violence
- If you buy insurance with the professional removals company

13. Away from home cover

This section applies:

- if you've personal possessions cover in your policy schedule or
- if you've specified high-risk items selected as covered away from home in your policy schedule

This cover applies anywhere in the world.

We cover loss or damage to your and your family's

- Personal possessions which are in your or your family's immediate care, custody or control
- Personal possessions caused by theft or attempted theft from a locked luggage boot or a concealed luggage compartment or a closed glove compartment of an unattended fully secured and locked vehicle
- Pedal cycles

The most **we** will pay is the following limits in **your policy schedule**:

- The personal possessions limit for your personal possessions excluding your specified high-risk items selected as covered away from home
- The personal possessions single item limit for any individual item unless it's either a specified high-risk item selected as covered away from home in your policy schedule or a pedal cycle



- The amounts specified for your specified high-risk items selected as covered away from home
- The high-risk single item limit (for pedal cycles) for any pedal cycles unless it's a specified high-risk item selected as covered away from home
- The money away from home limit for money

In case of theft or attempted theft from an unattended vehicle, **we** won't pay more than the *theft from unattended vehicle limit* in **your policy schedule**.

We don't cover loss or damage:

- To pedal cycles if you leave them unattended for less than three consecutive days, unless
 - They are securely locked to a solid object that can't be moved
 - They are kept in a locked, secure building that only you and your family have access to
 - They are kept inside a locked vehicle or securely locked to a cycle rack
- To pedal cycles if you leave them unattended for three consecutive days or more
- To pedal cycles if you use them for racing, pace making, speed or time trials
- To motorised vehicles and the parts, spares and accessories of any of these
- To items in transit if they're not in a reasonable and expected protective container
- To money unless by theft or attempted theft
- To corneal or contact lenses, or hearing aids while you use them for water activities
- To sports equipment while it's being used
- To plants or living creature

- To documents
- Caused by accidental damage or accidental loss if the item is in your home or garden
- Caused by theft by deception
- Caused by animals (including pets)
- Caused by a mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure
- Caused by the manufacturer's instructions on how to use or store the equipment and its accessories not being followed
- Caused by cleaning, carrying out repairs, alterations or renovations

14. Occupier's and personal liability

This cover is for your or your family's:

- liability to the public arising from being the occupier of your home insured under this policy
- personal liability

We cover up to the *occupier's and personal liability limit* in your policy schedule for your or your family's liability if any of the following incidents happen in the United Kingdom during your insurance period:

- An accidental death, physical injury or illness to any person
- Accidental loss or damage to someone else's property
- Costs and expenses of defending a claim we've agreed on in writing beforehand

If you're both the owner and occupier of your home, you may also need property owner's liability cover under buildings insurance to make sure you're adequately covered.

We don't cover:



- Any liability arising from your ownership of your home
- Any cost or expense we haven't agreed to in writing beforehand
- The death of or injury (including illness or disease) to you, your family or anyone else permanently living with you, including domestic employees, or any person who is working for you
- Loss or damage to property you, your family or anyone else permanently living with you, including domestic employees, own or are responsible for
- Any liability arising directly or indirectly if you or your family are treated for or pass on a contagious disease or virus
- Liability resulting from the use of your property for any profession, business, trade or employment
- Liability due to you or your family owning, possessing, maintaining or using any firearms or any other weapon, lift, hoists, motorised vehicle or craft (including drones, mechanically propelled aerial toys, models, devices, caravans), except for domestic gardening equipment used within the boundaries of your home or golf trolleys controlled by a person on foot
- Liability arising out of owning any:
 - living creature or animal, other than cats or dogs owned by you or your family
 - cats or dogs owned by you or your family while outside the boundaries of the address shown in your policy schedule
 - any cats or dogs that are not normally kept as pets in the United Kingdom
 - dogs listed as dangerous, allowed to be dangerously out of

- control or for which legal action has already been taken under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010, any amendments to these acts or any subsequent law
- Liability arising under an agreement with a third party, which wouldn't exist in the absence of that agreement
- Liability resulting from you being the owner and occupier of your home and claiming under property owner's liability cover (Section 1, buildings)
- Liability resulting from pollution or contamination
- Any claims for damage, legal costs or other costs from a court outside the United Kingdom
- Any liability that's the result of you or your family taking part in sporting activities, including hunting, racing and polo
- Any liability that comes from The Party Wall etc. Act 1996
- Any liability for penalties, fines and liquidated damages (this is an estimate of an unknown damage or loss that's hard to define)
- Liability for aggravated damage (damage that requires compensation for mental distress or hurt feelings)
- Liability for punitive or exemplary damage (as a result of punishing or making an example of someone), or any damage that's a result of multiplying compensation



15. Tenant's liability

We cover up to the *tenant's liability limit* in your policy schedule your and your family's liability for damage to your landlord's home, fixtures, fittings and contents caused by contents insured risks.

If you've contents limited accidental damage or contents full accidental damage in your policy schedule, we cover up to the tenant's liability limit in your policy schedule for your and your family's liability from damage to your landlord's home, fixtures, fittings and contents caused by accidental damage to fixed glass including double glazed windows, doors, fan lights and skylights, ceramic hobs in fitted kitchen units, fixed sanitary fittings such as washbasins, sinks, baths, shower trays, shower screens, toilets and bidets, cables, underground drains, drain inspection covers,

pipes, septic tanks, mirrors or fixed glass in furniture in the landlord's **home**

You must be legally liable as a tenant of **your home** under the terms of **your** tenancy agreement, not as the landlord or owner.

- To gates, fences, hedges, garden and boundary walls
- That's excluded from your buildings or contents cover
- For which you're not legally responsible for under your tenancy agreement
- Caused by gradual cause, including damage from smoke
- Caused by malicious acts by any person
- If you are not legally responsible as tenant
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished



Contents accidental damage

Check if **you**'ve no accidental damage, limited accidental damage or full accidental damage in **your policy schedule**.

1. Contents limited accidental damage

This cover applies, only if **you**'ve *contents limited accidental damage* in **your policy schedule**.

We cover the costs of any necessary repairs or replacements if the following items are **accidentally damaged** in **your home**:

- Mirrors, fixed glass in furniture and ceramic hobs in fitted kitchen units
- Non-portable technology and entertainment items in your home e.g. television sets, desktop home computers and hi-fi systems

All the sublimits detailed in Section 2 of the Contents cover section apply to this section as well.

- To anything that's specifically excluded from your contents insurance policy
- To anything that's specifically covered in other sections of this policy
- To computer disks, software or downloaded content and records
- Caused by dismantling, adjusting or repairing any equipment
- Caused by the manufacturer's instructions on how to use or store equipment and its accessories not being followed

- Caused by subsidence, heave, landslip, shrinkage, thermal movement or settlement
- Caused by a mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure
- Caused by water entering your home
- Caused by chemicals or their reaction with any building materials of your home
- Caused by construction, alterations, extensions, renovations, repairs or demolitions
- Caused by any paying guest or tenant or while your home is let, sublet or lent
- Caused by frost, chipping, scratching, or denting
- Caused by fungus, dry or wet rot, or any atmospheric conditions
- Caused by domestic pets through chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or vomiting
- Caused by malicious acts from you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished



2. Contents full accidental damage

This cover applies, only if **you**'ve *contents full accidental damage* in **your policy schedule**.

We cover the costs of any necessary repairs or replacements if your contents are accidentally damaged in your home or in your garden.

Just so you know,

- Contents full accidental damage already includes things covered by contents limited accidental damage
- All the sublimits detailed in Section 2 of the Contents cover section apply to this section as well.
- We won't pay more than the contents in the garden limit in your policy schedule for accidental damage to contents in your garden

- To anything that's specifically excluded from your contents insurance policy
- To anything that's specifically covered in other sections of this policy
- To locks and keys for a garage or an outbuilding
- To money, food, drink, plants, contact or corneal lenses, and clothing

- To pedal cycles tyres caused by cuts, bursts or punctures
- To computer disks, software or downloaded content and records
- Caused by dismantling, adjusting or repairing any equipment
- Caused by the manufacturer's instructions on how to use or store the equipment and its accessories not being followed
- Caused by subsidence, heave, landslip, shrinkage, thermal movement or settlement
- Caused by a mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure
- Caused by water entering your home
- Caused by chemicals or their reaction with any building materials of your home
- Caused by construction, alterations, extensions, renovations, repairs or demolitions
- Caused by any paying guest or tenant or while your home is let, sublet or lent
- Caused by frost, chipping, scratching, or denting
- Caused by fungus, dry or wet rot, or any atmospheric conditions
- Caused by domestic pets through chewing, scratching, tearing, or fouling or vomiting
- Caused by malicious acts from you, your family or a person permitted to be in your home
- While your home is unoccupied or unfurnished



Contents conditions

1. Make sure you have adequate cover

You are responsible for making sure:

- The contents sum insured in your policy schedule is equal to or higher than the total value of your contents
- The unspecified high-risk items limit in your policy schedule is equal to or higher than the total value of your high-risk items not specified in your policy schedule
- All high-risk items worth more than the high-risk single item limit are specified in your policy schedule
- The values shown in your policy schedule for each of your specified high-risk items is equal to or higher than the full replacement values of each of your specified high-risk items
- Your list of specified high-risk items is kept up to date, especially when you buy new items

If at the time of **your** loss or damage **your** sum insured is too low, **we** may not settle **your** claim in full.

2. Settling claims for contents except liabilities

If **we** settle **your** claim, **we** won't pay more than the sum **you**'re insured for and the various limits shown in **your policy schedule**. When **we** settle **your contents** claim, **we** may choose to:

- Repair or reinstate your item
- Replace the lost or damaged item with a new one
- Pay you the cash equivalent of the amount we can repair, reinstate or replace the item for

Contents: all eligible contents (including linen and clothes), except mobile phones

When it's possible, we'll repair your item. If not, we'll replace it with a new item of the same make, model and memory size or with a reasonably equivalent new item.

Pedal cycles

We won't pay for accessories of a **pedal cycle** more than the *pedal cycle accessories limit* in **your policy schedule**

Mobile phones

When it's possible, we'll repair your mobile phone. If not, we'll do the following:

- If your mobile phone settlement basis is 'refurbished' in your policy schedule, we'll replace your phone with a refurbished mobile phone of the same make, model and memory size or with a reasonably equivalent refurbished item
- If your mobile phone settlement basis is 'new for old' in your policy schedule, we'll replace your phone with a new mobile phone of the same make, model and



memory size or with a reasonably equivalent new item

High-risk items

Regarding **high-risk items you** haven't specified as per **your policy schedule**, **we** won't pay more than

- the unspecified high-risk items limit in your policy schedule, for all unspecified highrisk items in total
- the high-risk single item limit in your policy schedule for any single high-risk item you haven't specified

For any **specified high-risk items, we**'ll settle **your** claim for an amount up to the value of this **specified high-risk item** as shown in **your policy schedule**.

Matching items

If you don't have *matching items cover* in your policy schedule, then, when we settle your claim, we'll cover the cost to replace individual items or parts of a pair, set, suite, or any item of uniform nature, design, or colour that have been lost or damaged, but we'll not cover undamaged matching pieces or parts.

If you've matching items cover in your policy schedule then the below terms apply.

If **you**'ve successfully claimed for an item that's part of a matching set under **your** contents

insurance cover, **we**'ll reimburse **you** for specific items up to the *matching items limit* in **your policy schedule**.

We cover undamaged items in the matching set if:

- A part is damaged beyond repair
- We cannot find a replacement or reasonable match for the lost or damaged item

A reasonable match is a similar item, but not an exact match.

We don't cover

 the cost for undamaged items in separate rooms that are clearly distinguished as a new separate set.

When **we** settle **your** claim for matching items, **we** may ask **you** to return any damaged or undamaged items that are part of **your** claim.

3. Settling liability claims

For any incident (or related incidents) involving legal liability under the Contents cover section, we'll attempt to negotiate with the claimant or their legal representative to settle the claim at the lowest possible amount. However, the maximum amount we'll pay is the limit shown in your policy schedule, plus any agreed-upon costs and expenses.



Complaints procedure

We want you to have the best experience with us; however, if we haven't met your expectations or if you're unsatisfied with anything, please contact us via the https://www.umbrl.co.uk/contact.

How to make a complaint

However, if **you** want to raise a formal complaint, then whether **your** complaint is about **your** policy or the way the policy was sold to **you**, or whether **your** complaint is about the way **we** handled **your** claim, please contact **us** via https://www.umbrl.co.uk/contact.

Financial Ombudsman Service

If you haven't been given a satisfactory answer to your complaint, if you're not happy with the way your complaint was dealt with or if you haven't received any response within eight weeks, you can refer the dispute to the Financial Ombudsman.

Their contact details are:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9SR

Call: 0800 023 4567

Email: complaint.info@financial-

ombudsman.org.uk Website: www.financial-

ombudsman.org.uk/make-complaint

Using the complaints procedure will not affect **your** legal rights.

Complaints for your home emergency cover or legal expenses cover

Please refer to the respective policy wordings of **your** home emergency cover or **your** legal expenses cover for more information.



Your privacy

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