

# CHERISHED HOLIDAY HOMES



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# Welcome

Thank **you** for choosing Heritage Holiday Home Insurance to protect **your** property.

**We** want to help you understand **your** Holiday Home Insurance policy and make **you** aware that the information **you** have provided is part of a legally binding contract of insurance with **us**.

This policy document, the statement of fact, **schedule** and any **endorsements** are evidence of that contract and should be read as if they are one document. Please read them carefully to ensure that **your** cover is exactly what **you** need, and keep all documents in a safe place.

That policy is not complete without a policy schedule. **Your** policy schedule will be issued to **you** if **your** application for insurance is accepted.

**Your** Holiday Home Insurance document is split into various sections. Not all sections of this policy may apply to **you**. The cover you have selected will be shown on your policy schedule and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions set out in this policy document and any later notices sent to **you** by **your broker**. **You** should ensure that:

- **you** are clear which sections of cover **you** have included, the details of which are shown on **your schedule**;
- the information **you** have given us is accurate;
- **you** understand what each section covers and the restrictions and exclusions that apply;
- **you** are clear of what **your** responsibilities are under the policy as a whole.

When drawing up this contract **we** have relied on the information and statements **you** have provided in **your** application or subsequent renewals and **your** premium has been based upon the information shown in the schedule.

**If you are in any doubt about the level of cover provided, or if you have any questions relating to this insurance, please contact your broker immediately.**



# Important Information about your Policy

## The Law applicable to this insurance

Under the laws of the **United Kingdom** both **you** and **we** are free to choose the law which applies to this contract to the extent permitted by those laws. Unless **you** and **we** agree otherwise, the law which applies to this insurance is the law which applies to the part of the **United Kingdom** where the premises are located.

**We** and **you** have agreed that any legal proceedings between **you** and **us** in connection with this insurance will only take place in the courts of the part of the **United Kingdom** in which the premises are located.

## The Insurers or Service Providers

This Holiday Home Insurance policy is underwritten by a consortium of the following leading insurers:-

### **Fairmead Insurance Limited**

Fairmead Insurance Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Financial Services Register number 202050. Registered in England and Wales Number 00423930. Registered office: 57 Ladymead, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1DB.

Fairmead Insurance Limited is part of the Liverpool Victoria General Insurance Group.

### **ERGO Versicherung AG (UK Branch)**

ERGO Versicherung AG, UK Branch (Registered number: BR016401) is registered in England and Wales at Plantation Place, 30 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AJ.

ERGO Versicherung AG is a German insurance company authorised by the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht) and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority. Details about the extent of ERGO Versicherung AG, UK Branch's regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority are available on request.

You can check these details with the Financial Conduct Authority either on their website at [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk) or by calling them on 0800 111 6768.

Details of each insurer's proportionate liability will be provided upon request.

This Policy has been produced by Pen Underwriting Limited a Managing General Agent of the Insurers. As Managing General Agent Pen Underwriting Limited underwrites Insurance and handles Claims for **You** on behalf of the Insurers.

## Your total peace of mind

**We** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Scheme if **we** are unable to meet **our** obligations to **you** under this contract. For this type of policy the scheme covers at least 90% of any claim with no upper limit. Further information about this scheme is available from:

Financial Services Compensation Scheme  
PO Box 300, Mitcheldean, GL17 1DY  
Tel: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100  
[www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk)

# Things we need to tell you about

## Our Agreement with you

This policy is a legal contract between **you** and **us**.

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

**Our** provision of insurance under **your** policy is conditional upon **you** observing and fulfilling the terms, provisions, conditions and clauses of the policy.

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

If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly provided **us** with false or misleading information **we** will treat this policy as if it never existed and decline all claims.

If **we** establish that **you** carelessly provided **us** with false or misleading information it could adversely affect **your** policy and any claim. For example, **we** may:

- treat this policy as if it had never existed and refuse to pay all claims and return the premium paid. **We** will only do this if **we** provided **you** with insurance cover **we** would not have otherwise offered;
- amend the terms of **your** insurance. **We** may apply these amended terms as if they were already in place if a claim has been made adversely impacted by **your** carelessness;
- reduce the amount **we** pay on a claim in the proportion the premium **you** have paid bears to the premium **we** would have charged **you**; or
- cancel **your** policy in accordance with **our** rights to cancel

**We** or **your broker** will write to **you** if **we**:

- intend to treat **your** policy as if it never existed; or
- need to amend the terms of **your** policy

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

Please read **your** policy carefully to ensure it meets **your** needs. If **you** do not understand the terms, exclusions or conditions or if any information is incorrect or incomplete **you** must tell **your broker** immediately.

## Our use of language

Unless otherwise agreed, the contractual terms and conditions and other information relating to this contract will be expressed in the English language.

## Several Liability Notice

The liability of insurers is several and not joint and is limited solely to the extent of their individual proportions. The insurers are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing insurer or any other insurer or co-insurer who for any reason does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

# Things we need to tell you about

## Data Privacy Notice

County Insurance Services Limited are the data controller of any personal information you provide to us or personal information that has been provided to us by a third party. We collect and process information about you in order to arrange insurance policies and to process claims. Your information is also used for business purposes such as fraud prevention and detection and financial management. [This may involve sharing your information with third parties such as insurers, brokers, insurance intermediaries such as Managing General Agents, reinsurers, claims handlers, loss adjusters, credit reference agencies, service providers, professional advisors, our regulators, police and government agencies or fraud prevention agencies].

We may record telephone calls to help us monitor and improve the service we provide. For further information on how your information is used and your rights in relation to your information please see: - <http://www.heritageinsuranceagency.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Full-Privacy-Notice-Heritage.pdf>. If you are providing personal data of another individual to us, you must tell them you are providing their information to us and show them a copy of this notice.

# Definitions

## Applicable to the whole of this insurance

Where the following words appear in bold in this insurance contract, they will have the meanings shown below.

<b>Accidental Damage</b>	Sudden, unexpected and visible damage which is not inevitable and has not been caused on purpose
<b>Bodily Injury</b>	Includes death or disease
<b>Broker</b>	The intermediary who arranged this insurance on <b>your</b> behalf
<b>Buildings</b>	<p>The <b>home</b> and its decorations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fixtures and fittings attached to the <b>home</b>,</li><li>• Tennis courts, swimming pools, drives, paths, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences and fixed fuel tanks,</li><li>• Solar panels permanently attached to the main private dwelling</li></ul> <p>which <b>you</b> own or for which <b>you</b> are legally responsible within the premises named in the <b>schedule</b></p>
<b>Contents</b>	<p>Household goods and <b>personal belongings</b> within the <b>home</b>, which are <b>your</b> property or which <b>you</b> are legally responsible for.</p> <p><b>Contents</b> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the <b>home</b>;</li><li>• carpets but not permanently fitted flooring;</li><li>• <b>contents</b> within the <b>home</b>, up to £3,000 per single item, unless otherwise stated in the <b>schedule</b>;</li><li>• <b>personal belongings</b> within the <b>home</b>, up to £5,000 in total, with the limit of any one item being £1,000, unless otherwise stated in the <b>schedule</b>;</li><li>• <b>contents</b> in <b>outbuildings</b> and garages up to £1,000 in all, unless otherwise stated in the <b>schedule</b>;</li><li>• <b>contents</b> that are within the premises shown in the <b>schedule</b> but not contained within the <b>home</b> or <b>outbuildings</b> or garages at the time of loss or damage up to £500 in total (other than radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the <b>home</b>)</li></ul> <p><b>Contents</b> does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• motor vehicles, garden machinery, caravans, aircraft, trains, boats, hovercraft, wet-bikes, trailers and parts or their accessories;</li><li>• any living creature;</li><li>• any part of the <b>buildings</b>;</li><li>• any property held or used for business purposes;</li><li>• any property insured under any other insurance;</li><li>• property of <b>tenants</b> or their visitors;</li><li>• money and credit cards;</li><li>• pedal cycles;</li><li>• documents or deeds</li></ul>





# Definitions (continued)

## Applicable to the whole of this insurance (continued)

<b>Domestic Employee(s)</b>	Any person who carries out paid domestic duties for <b>you</b> within <b>your home</b> and/or its gardens, other than in connection with <b>your</b> business
<b>Endorsement</b>	A change in the terms and conditions of this insurance
<b>Excess</b>	The amount stated in this booklet or in the <b>schedule</b> and payable by <b>you</b> in the event of a claim
<b>Heave</b>	Upward and/or lateral movement of the site on which <b>your buildings</b> stand caused by swelling of the ground
<b>Home</b>	The private dwelling and the garages and <b>outbuildings</b> used for domestic purposes at the premises shown in the <b>schedule</b> , which <b>you</b> are legally responsible for
<b>Landslip</b>	Downward movement of sloping ground
<b>Outbuildings</b>	<p>Garden sheds, summer houses, greenhouses or other similar structure on a permanent foundation and used for domestic purposes up to a maximum of £5,000 any one outbuilding, unless specifically stated otherwise in the policy <b>schedule</b>.</p> <p>Unless otherwise agreed, <b>outbuildings</b> do not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tree houses</li><li>• inflatable buildings; or</li><li>• any structure which is made of canvas, PVC or any other non-rigid material</li></ul>
<b>Period of Insurance</b>	The length of time for which this insurance is in force, as shown in the <b>schedule</b> and for which <b>you</b> have paid and <b>we</b> have accepted a premium
<b>Personal Belongings</b>	<p><b>Personal belongings</b> are items that belong to <b>you</b> and are normally worn or carried on the person.</p> <p><b>Personal belongings</b> includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• luggage;</li><li>• clothing;</li><li>• sports, musical, camping and photographic equipment;</li></ul> <p><b>Personal belongings</b> does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tools used or held for business, professional or trade purposes;</li><li>• <b>valuables</b>;</li><li>• contact or corneal lenses or hearing aids unless otherwise specified in <b>your schedule</b>;</li><li>• pedal cycles;</li><li>• any property insured under any other insurance</li></ul>
<b>Sanitary Ware</b>	Washbasins, sinks, bidets, lavatory pans and cisterns, shower trays, shower screens, baths and bath panels

# Definitions (continued)

Applicable to the whole of this insurance (continued)

<b>Schedule</b>	The <b>schedule</b> is part of this insurance and contains details of <b>you</b> , the premises, the sums insured, the <b>period of insurance</b> and the sections of this insurance which apply
<b>Settlement</b>	Downward movement as a result of soil being compressed by the weight of the <b>buildings</b> within ten years of construction
<b>Standard Construction</b>	The <b>buildings</b> which are constructed of brick, stone or concrete and roofed with slates, tiles, metal or concrete
<b>Subsidence</b>	Downward movement of the site on which <b>your buildings</b> stand by a cause other than the weight of the <b>buildings</b> themselves
<b>Tenant(s)</b>	An occupier (whose tenancy type you have disclosed to us and is shown in the <b>schedule</b> ) of the holiday <b>home</b> who rents the property for residential purposes
<b>United Kingdom</b>	The ' <b>United Kingdom</b> ' will include England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, and journeys between these countries
<b>Unfurnished</b>	Where the main <b>buildings</b> are not furnished enough to live in
<b>Unoccupied</b>	Where the <b>buildings</b> have not been lived in for more than 30 consecutive days during the <b>period of insurance</b>
<b>Valuables</b>	Items of gold, silver or other precious metals, jewellery and furs, and other collections (paintings, works of art etc.) which belong to <b>you</b> or are <b>your</b> legal responsibility
<b>We/Us/Our</b>	Legal & General Insurance Limited and ERGO Versicherung AG
<b>You/Your/Insured</b>	The person or persons named in the <b>schedule</b> and all members of their family who permanently live with them

## Our Service Commitment to You

**Our** aim is to ensure that all aspects of **your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times **we** are committed to providing **you** with the highest standard of service. If **you** have any questions or concerns about **your** insurance or the handling of a claim, **you** should contact:

Policy Enquiries	Claims Enquiries
<u>County Insurance Services Limited</u> County House, Glyme Court, Langford Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1LQ Tel: 01865 844980 Email: schemes@county-insurance.co.uk	<u>The Claims Team</u> Ryan Direct Group PO BOX 1291 Preston PR2 0QJ Tel: 0330 102 6062 Email: <a href="mailto:prestonclaims@directgroup.co.uk">prestonclaims@directgroup.co.uk</a>

If **you** are not satisfied and wish to make a complaint, then **you** may contact:

Complaints Officer  
55 Blythswood Street  
Glasgow  
G2 7AT

Tel: 0141 285 3539  
Email: [pencomplaints@penunderwriting.com](mailto:pencomplaints@penunderwriting.com)

Details of Pen Underwritings complaints procedures are available at:  
<http://www.penunderwriting.co.uk/Pages/complaints.aspx>

If **you** remain dissatisfied, **you** may refer the matter at any time to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) at:

Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower  
London  
E14 9SR  
Tel: 0800 023 4567 (for landline users, mobile users may be charged)  
0300 123 9123 (same rate as 01 or 02 numbers, on mobile phone tariffs)  
Email: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

The FOS is an independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and businesses providing financial services. **You** can find out more information at: [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

If **you** have purchased **your** policy online **you** can also make a complaint via the EU's online dispute resolution (ODR) platform. The website for the ODR platform is <http://ec.europa.eu/odr>

# Cancelling this Policy

## Within the Cooling-off Period

If after reading through **your** insurance policy **you** decide not to proceed with this insurance, **you** have the right to cancel back to the start of the **period of insurance** without giving any reason, providing **your** instruction to cancel is submitted to **your Broker** within 14 days of either:

- the date **you** receive the policy documentation, or
  - the start of the **period of insurance**,
- whichever is the latter

Providing no claim has been made **we** will refund **your** premium in full.

## Outside of the Cooling-off Period

If **you** wish to cancel **your** policy after 14 days **you** can do so at any time by contacting **your Broker**.

On policies where the annual premium has been paid in full a refund of premium will be calculated from receipt of this notice on a pro-rata basis providing no incidents have occurred which give rise to a claim.

On policies where the premium is paid by monthly payments the cancellation will take effect from the end of the period for which **you** have paid and therefore no refund will be due.

## Our right to cancel this Policy

**We** can cancel **your** policy by giving **you** 30 days written notice at **your** last known address. **We** will only cancel this policy or any part of it for a valid reason, such as:

- failure to provide **us** with information **we** have requested that is directly relevant to the cover provided under this policy or any claim;
- the use of foul or offensive language;
- nuisance or disruptive behaviour
- non-payment of premium;
- **we** have identified serious grounds (such as the use or threat of violence or aggressive behaviour against **our** staff, contractors or property);
- there is a change in risk occurring which **we** are unable to insure;
- **we** establish that **you** have provided **us** with incorrect information;
- failure to take care of the property insured;
- **you** breach any terms and conditions of **your** policy.

Please also see the Fraud and the Change in Circumstances conditions in the General Conditions section of this policy.

Where possible, **we** will try to seek an opportunity to resolve the matter with **you**.

If **we** cancel the policy **we** will refund premiums already paid for the remainder of the current **period of insurance** based on a proportional daily rate depending on how long this insurance has been in force.

## Important Notice

If a claim has been submitted or there has been any incident likely to give rise to a claim during the current **period of insurance**, no refund for the unexpired portion of the premium will be given.

This will not affect **your** right to make a claim for any event that happened before the cancellation date.

Please note that upon cancellation of this policy **your Broker** may impose a charge. Please contact **your Broker** for further information.

# Claims Procedure

Although **we** hope that **you** will never need to make a claim on **your** insurance policy, **we** have made everything as simple and straightforward as possible should **you** ever need to use **our** claims service.

## How to make a claim

When an accident or loss occurs, **you** should take any immediate action **you** think is necessary to protect **your** property and belongings from further damage, such as switching off the gas, electricity or water.

If **you** need to make a claim under this policy, please contact **us** straight away by calling the claims helpline on:

New Claims	
The Affinity Claims Team PO BOX 1291 Preston PR2 0QJ	
Tel:	03301 026 796
Email:	<a href="mailto:prestonnewclaims@directgroup.co.uk">prestonnewclaims@directgroup.co.uk</a>

***(Please note claims are administered on our behalf by Direct Group)***

To help **us** deal with **your** claim quickly **we** may require **you** to provide **us** with assistance and evidence that **we** require concerning the cause and value of any claim. Ideally, as part of the initial notification, **you** will provide:

- **your** name, address, and **your** home and mobile telephone numbers
- policy/Certificate number
- the date of the incident
- police details / Crime Reference number where applicable
- the cause of the loss or damage
- details of the loss or damage together with claim value if known
- names and addresses of any other parties involved or responsible for the incident (including details of injuries) and addresses of any witnesses.

This information will enable **us** to make an initial evaluation on policy liability and claim value.

When **you** call **us**, **we** may:

- ask **you** to get estimates for building repairs or replacement items; or
- arrange for the damage to be inspected by one of **our** claims advisors, an independent loss adjuster or other expert – their aim is to help **us** agree a fair settlement with **you**; or
- arrange for the repair or a replacement as quickly as possible; or
- for some claims **we** or someone acting on **our** behalf may wish to meet with **you** to discuss the circumstances of the claim, to inspect the damage, or to undertake further investigations.



## Claims Procedure (continued)

For **buildings** claims, **we** have a network of authorised repairers ready to put things right. If **we** appoint an authorised repairer:

- they will make **your home** safe for **you**,
- if further work is required, they will arrange a convenient time to complete the work,
- **you** will not need to obtain estimates,
- **you** can be assured of the standard of the work

For **contents** claims, if an authorised repairer or supplier is used:

- **we** will arrange for someone to repair or replace the lost or damaged items,
- **you** can be assured of the standard of work

## Payments

Where payment of premium is not made, any cover otherwise provided by this insurance will be inoperative from the date the premium was due.

Where a claim has been notified during the current **period of insurance**, **you** must continue with the monthly payments throughout the remaining **period of insurance**, or pay the remaining premium in full. If **you** fail to do so, a claim may be rejected or payment could be reduced.

# Claims Terms and Conditions

## Applicable to the whole of this insurance

These are the claims terms and conditions which **you** and **your family** will need to keep to as **your** part of the contract. If **you** do not, a claim may be rejected or payment could be reduced. In some circumstances **your** policy might be invalid.

If anything happens which might lead to a claim, what **you** must do depends on what has happened. The sooner **you** tell **us** the better. In some cases, there are other people **you** must contact first.

- **you** must notify **your broker** as soon as possible giving full details of what has happened
- **you** must provide **us** with details of what has happened within 30 days of discovering the loss or damage
- if **you** or **your family** are the victim of malicious damage, vandalism, theft or attempted theft or accidental loss **you** must tell the police immediately and obtain the police reference number. Tell **us** as soon as **you** can.
- if **you** or **your family** are the victim of riot **you** must tell **us** as soon as **you** can or no later than 7 days after the riot
- for all other claims **you** must notify **us** as soon as possible, giving full details of what has happened
- if a claim for liability is made against **you**, any letter, claim, writ, summons or other legal document **you** receive must be forwarded to **us** within 4 days, unanswered
- **you** must not admit liability, or offer or agree to settle any claim without our written permission
- **you** must take care to limit any loss, damage or liability

## How we deal with your claim

**We** may request additional information depending upon circumstances and value which may include the following:

- original purchase receipts, invoices, instruction booklets or photographs, bank or credit card statements, utility bills, pre-purchase surveys, or plans or deeds of **your** property;
- dates and location of when/where damaged items were purchased; and/or
- for damaged property, confirmation by a suitable qualified expert that the item **you** are claiming for is beyond repair

**We** may need to get into a building that has been damaged to salvage anything **we** can and to make sure no more damage happens. **You** must help **us** to do this but **you** must not abandon **your** property to **us**.

# Claims Terms and Conditions (continued)

## How we deal with your claim (continued)

**We** have the right, if **we** choose, in **your** name but at **our** expenses to:

- take over the defence or settlement of any claim;
- start legal action to get compensation from anyone else;
- start legal action to get back from anyone else any payments that have already been made

**You** must provide **us** with any information and assistance as **we** may require about any claim. **You** must help **us** to take legal action against anyone or help defend any legal action if **we** ask **you** to.

## Other Insurance

**We** will not pay any claim for loss, damage or liability which is insured by or would be insured by another policy if this policy did not exist.

# General Conditions

## Applicable to the whole of this insurance

These are the conditions of the insurance **you** and **your family** will need to meet as **your** part of the contract. If **you** do not, a claim may be rejected or payment could be reduced. In some circumstances **your** policy might become invalid.

Each **home** included under this insurance is considered to be covered as if separately insured.

**You** must ensure that all protections for the security of the **home** and **contents**:

- Are maintained in good working order;
- Are in full and effective operation with the keys removed whenever you are absent from the premises; and
- Are not withdrawn or varied without **our** prior consent

**You** must ensure that the **buildings** are maintained in a good state of repair and not neglected.

**You** must inspect the **buildings** internally at least every 60 days with records kept of each visit.

Where **your** home is used for short term holiday lets the following conditions apply to this insurance:

- i. **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 premises
  - b. Compliance with the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988 (amended)
  - c. Having the minimum legal number of smoke detectors/fire extinguishers/fire blankets installed at the premises
- ii. All gas appliances fitted at the premises must be serviced by an individual registered with the Gas Safe Register on an annual basis. A valid Landlord Gas Safety Record (also known as a CP12 certificate) must be in place at all times when the premises are let to **tenant(s)** and records kept for a minimum of 2 years. **We** will request sight of these if you wish to make a claim

## Take Care

**You** must take care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions **we** ask when **you** take out, amend, and renew **your** policy.

**You** must take care to avoid any accident and to prevent loss or damage to everything which is covered by this insurance and to keep all the property insured in good condition and in a good state of repair.

**You** must always make sure that the **sums insured** shown in **your schedule** are adequate.

- i. **Buildings** should be insured for the full cost of rebuilding the **buildings** in the same form, style and condition as new plus an amount for architects', surveyors', consulting engineers and legal fees, debris removal costs and other costs to comply with government or local authority requirements.

Please note that the rebuilding cost of **your home** may be different from its market value.

- ii. **Contents** should be insured for the full cost of replacement as new.

# General Conditions (continued)

## Changes in Circumstances

Using the address on the front of **your schedule you** must tell **us** within 14 days as soon as **you** know about any of the following changes:

- the **home** becomes **unoccupied** or **unfurnished**;
- the **home** becomes **your** permanent residence;
- work is to be done on **your home** which is not routine repair, maintenance or decoration, for example any structural alteration or extension to **your home**;
- **you** receive a conviction for any offence except for driving;
- any increase in the value of **your contents** or the rebuilding cost of **your buildings**;
- any part of **your home** is going to be used for any trade, professional or business purposes:

There is no need to tell **us** about trade, professional or business use if:

- i. the trade, professional or business use is only clerical; and
- ii. there are no staff employed to work from the **home**; and
- iii. there are no visitors to the **home** in connection with the trade, profession or business; and
- iv. there is no business money or stock in the **home**

When **we** are notified of a change, **we** will tell **you** whether this affects **your** policy. For example whether **we** are able to accept the change and if so, whether the change will result in revised terms and/or a revised premium being applied to **your** policy. If **we** are not able to accept the change and it becomes necessary to cancel this insurance, **we** will do so as described within the cancellation conditions contained within this policy.

If **you** do not tell **us** about changes or give **us** incorrect information, the wrong terms may be quoted, **we** may be entitled to reject payment of a claim or a payment could be reduced. In some circumstances **your** policy might be invalid, and **you** may not be entitled to a refund of premium.

## Transfer of Interest

**You** cannot transfer **your** interest in the policy without **our** written permission.

## Fraud

**You** must not act in a fraudulent manner, if **you** or anyone acting for **you**:

- make a claim under the policy knowing the claim to be false, or fraudulently exaggerated in any respect; or
- make a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any respect; or
- submit a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false in any respect; or
- make a claim in respect of any loss or damage caused by your wilful act or with your connivance

Then:

- **we** shall not pay the claim;
- **we** shall not pay any other claim which has been or will be made under the policy;
- **we** may declare the policy void;
- **we** shall be entitled to recover from **you** the amount of any claim paid under the policy since the last renewal date;
- **we** shall not make any return premiums;
- **we** may inform the Police of the circumstances



# General Conditions (continued)

## Important Notice

Please note that if the information provided by **you** is not complete and accurate, **we** may:-

- cancel **your** policy and refuse to pay any claim, or
- not pay any claim in full, or
- revise the premium and/or change any **excess**, or
- revise the extent of cover or terms of this insurance

# General Exclusions

Applicable to the whole of this insurance

## 1. Radioactive Contamination and Nuclear Assemblies Exclusion

**We** will not pay for:

- a) Loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising there from, and
- b) Any legal liability of whatsoever nature,

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:

- Ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel,
- The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

## 2. 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.

## 3. Existing and Deliberate Damage Exclusion

**We** will not pay for loss or damage:

- Occurring outside of the **period of insurance**;
- Caused deliberately by **you** or any person lawfully in the **home**.

## 4. Pollution or Contamination Exclusion

**We** will not pay for loss, damage or liability of any kind directly or indirectly caused by or arising out of pollution and/or contamination other than:

- When caused by oil or water escaping from a fixed oil or fixed water installation, or
- When 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 **home**, and
- Reported to **us** not later than 30 days from the end of the **period of insurance**,

In which all such pollution and/or contamination arising out of such accident shall be deemed to have happened at the time of such accident.

## 5. Contract (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.

## 6. Electronic Data Exclusion

**We** will not pay for:

- a. Loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising there from, and
- b. Any legal liability of whatsoever nature,

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:

- Computer viruses, erasure or corruption of electronic data,
- The failure of any equipment to correctly recognise the change of date.

For the purpose of this exclusion 'computer virus' means a corrupting instruction from an unauthorised source that propagates itself via a computer system or network.

# General Exclusions (continued)

Applicable to the whole of this insurance (continued)

## 7. Terrorism Exclusion

If **your home** is let to **tenant(s)** then **we** will not pay for loss or damage occasioned by or happening through or in consequence directly or indirectly of

- a. Terrorism regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss

And

- b. in Northern Ireland civil commotion

This Policy also excludes damage or loss resulting from damage directly or indirectly caused by resulting from or in connection with any action aimed in controlling preventing suppressing or in any way relating to an act of Terrorism.

In Great Britain and Northern Ireland Terrorism means

acts of persons acting on behalf of or in connection with any organisation which carries out activities directed towards the overthrowing or influencing by force or violence of Her Majesty's government in the **United Kingdom** or any other government de jure or de facto.

In so far that the insurance by this Policy is extended to include any situation elsewhere than in Great Britain and Northern Ireland Terrorism means

any act including but not limited to the use of force or violence or the threat of any person or group of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government committed for political religious ideological or similar purposes including the intention to

- i. influence any government or any international governmental organisation or
- ii. put the public or any section of the public in fear

In any action suit or other proceedings where the Company alleges that by reason of this exclusion any Damage or loss resulting from Damage is not covered by this Policy the burden of proving that such Damage or loss is covered shall be upon the Insured.

If **your home** is used by **you** and **your family** **we** will not pay for 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 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.

## 8. Confiscation Exclusion

**We** will not pay for loss, damage or liability occasioned by or happening through confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities.

## 9. Loss of Value

**We** will not pay for any reduction in market value of any property following its repair or reinstatement.

# General Exclusions (continued)

## Applicable to the whole of this insurance (continued)

### 10. Indirect Loss or Damage

**We** will not pay for any loss or damage that is not directly associated with the incident that caused **you** to claim, except where that loss or damage is expressly included within this insurance.

### 11. Wear and Tear Exclusion

**We** will not pay for any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from wear and tear, depreciation, corrosion, rusting, damp, rising damp, rising water table, insects, vermin, fungus, condensation, fading, frost or anything that happens gradually, the process of cleaning, dyeing, repair, alteration, renovation, restoration or anything reaching the end of its serviceable life.

### 12. Financial Sanctions

**We** will not provide any cover or be liable to provide any indemnity, payment or other benefit under this policy where doing so would breach any prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.

If any such prohibition or restriction takes effect during the **period of insurance we** may cancel this policy immediately by giving **you** written notice at **your** last known address. If **we** cancel the policy **we** will refund premiums already paid for the remainder of the current **period of insurance**, provided no claims have been paid or are outstanding.

### 13. Defective Design or Construction Exclusion

**We** will not pay for any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind caused by or resulting from poor or faulty design, workmanship or use of faulty materials.

## Section One – Buildings

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **buildings** are included:

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
Loss or damage to <b>your buildings</b> during the <b>period of insurance</b> caused by the following insured events:	Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b>
1. Fire, smoke, lightning, explosion or earthquake.	
2. Aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them.	
3. Storm, flood or weight of snow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage caused by <b>subsidence, heave</b> or <b>landslip</b> other than as covered under number 9 of Section One</li> <li>• Loss or damage to domestic, fixed fuel oil tanks in the open, swimming pools or covers, fences, gates and hedges,</li> <li>• Damage caused by a rise in the water table (the level below which the ground is completely saturated with water)</li> <li>• Loss or damage to any moveable <b>contents</b> in the open</li> <li>• Loss or damage caused by weight of snow to garages and <b>outbuildings</b> which are not fully enclosed or have a plastic or glass roof or are not of <b>standard construction</b>.</li> </ul>
4. Escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, heating installation, apparatus or pipes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage caused by <b>subsidence, heave</b> or <b>landslip</b> other than as covered under number 9 of Section One,</li> <li>• Loss or damage to domestic, fixed fuel oil tanks in the open, swimming pools or covers,</li> <li>• Loss or damage caused by failure of or lack of sealant and/or grout.</li> <li>• Loss or damage when the <b>home</b> is left without a <b>tenant</b> for more than 7 days between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive, or becomes <b>unoccupied</b> unless;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The water supply is turned off at the mains and the pipes and tanks are drained;</li> <li>or</li> <li>ii. The central heating system is left on at a minimum of 12 degrees Centigrade at all times</li> </ul>               Where fitted the loft hatch door is left open             </li> </ul>
5. Escape of oil from a fixed domestic oil-fired heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation	
6. Theft or attempted theft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage other than as a result of violent and forcible entry to or exit from the <b>home</b></li> </ul>
7. Collision or impact by any vehicle or animal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage caused by insects, birds, vermin or domestic pets</li> </ul>
8. Riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or malicious acts.	



## Section One – Buildings (continued)

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **buildings** are included:

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
Loss or damage to <b>your buildings</b> during the <b>period of insurance</b> caused by the following insured events:	Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b>
<p>9. <b>Subsidence</b>, or <b>heave</b> of the site upon which the <b>buildings</b> stand or <b>landslip</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks, swimming pools or covers, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences unless the exterior walls of the private dwelling are also affected at the same time by the same cause,</li> <li>• Loss or damage to solid floors, unless the walls of the <b>home</b> are damaged at the same time by the same cause,</li> <li>• 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,</li> <li>• Loss or damage caused by river or coastal erosion,</li> <li>• Loss or damage caused by structures bedding down or <b>settlement</b> of newly made up ground, shrinkage or expansion,</li> <li>• Loss or damage whilst the <b>buildings</b> are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions.</li> </ul>
10. Breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes and their fittings and masts.	
11. Falling trees, branches, telegraph poles or lamp-posts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the premises,</li> <li>• Loss or damage to gates, hedges and fences.</li> </ul>

## Section One – Buildings (continued)

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **buildings** are included:

What is covered:	What is not covered:
<p>a. The cost of <b>accidental damage</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fixed glass and double glazing (including the cost of replacing frames),</li> <li>b. Solar panels,</li> <li>c. <b>Sanitary ware</b>,</li> <li>d. Ceramic hobs,</li> </ul> <p>all forming part of the <b>buildings</b>.</p>	<p>Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accidental damage</b> while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> or <b>unfurnished</b></li> </ul>
<p>b. The cost of <b>Accidental Damage</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Domestic oil pipes,</li> <li>b. Underground water supply pipes,</li> <li>c. Underground sewers, drains and septic tanks,</li> <li>d. Underground gas pipes,</li> <li>e. Underground cables,</li> </ul> <p>serving the <b>home</b> and which <b>you</b> are legally responsible for</p>	
<p>c. The loss of rent and costs of alternative accommodation because of any loss or damage covered under Section One (<b>Buildings</b>), <b>we</b> will pay <b>you</b> for one of the following expenses or losses <b>we</b> have agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of alternative accommodation</li> <li>• An amount equal to the rent payable to <b>you</b></li> </ul> <p><b>We</b> will only pay under this Section for the period <b>your home</b> is unfit to live in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any amount over 25% of the sum insured for the <b>buildings</b> damaged or destroyed.</li> </ul>
<p>d. Expenses <b>you</b> have to pay and which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architects, surveyors', consulting engineers and legal fees,</li> <li>• The cost of removing debris and making safe the building,</li> <li>• Costs <b>you</b> have to pay in order to comply with any Government or local authority requirements,</li> </ul> <p>Following loss or damage to the <b>buildings</b> under Section One.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any expense for preparing a claim or an estimate for loss or damage,</li> <li>• Any costs if Government or local authority requirements have been served on <b>you</b> before the loss or damage.</li> </ul>
<p>e. Increased metered water charges <b>you</b> have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under event 4 of Section One</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £5,000 in any <b>period of insurance</b>. If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under Section One and Section Two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £5,000 in total.</li> </ul>
<p>f. Anyone buying the <b>home</b> who will have the benefit of Section One cover until the sale is completed or the insurance ends, whichever is sooner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage if the <b>buildings</b> are insured under any other insurance.</li> </ul>

## Section One – Buildings (continued)

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **buildings** are included:

What is covered:	What is not covered:
g. The cost of replacing and fitting the locks or lock mechanism of external doors and windows of the <b>Home</b> if the keys are lost or stolen anywhere in the world.	<p>Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions.</p> <p>The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £500 in any <b>period of insurance</b>. If <b>you</b> claim under Section One and Section Two <b>we</b> will not pay more than £500 in total. (the <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b> does not apply)</li> </ul>
h. If <b>your buildings</b> are damaged by water or oil escaping from any fixed tanks, apparatus, pipes or any fixed heating installation in <b>your home</b> , <b>we</b> will pay the cost of removing and replacing any other parts of <b>your buildings</b> necessary to find and repair the source of the leak and making good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £10,000 any one event.</li> </ul>
i. Damage to the <b>buildings</b> caused by forced access to deal with medical emergency or to prevent damage to the <b>home</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £25,000 in any <b>period of insurance</b>. If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under Section One and Section Two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £25,000 in total.</li> </ul>
j. The costs of re-instating the gardens to their original condition following damage caused by the Emergency Services at the <b>home</b> following a loss covered under Section One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £1,000 during the <b>period of insurance</b></li> </ul>
k. The costs of refilling fire extinguishers, replacing sprinkler heads and refiling sprinkler tanks which have been incurred by <b>you</b> and which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing, following loss or damage covered under Section One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £2,500 during the <b>period of insurance</b></li> </ul>
l. The costs of metered electricity, gas or water, for which you are legally responsible, arising from its unauthorised use by persons occupying the <b>home</b> without <b>your</b> consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £5,000 during the <b>period of insurance</b></li> <li>• Costs incurred where <b>you</b> have failed to take steps to terminate such services immediately after becoming aware of such unauthorised use</li> </ul>
m. The costs of clearing and removing any property illegally deposited at the <b>premises</b> which have been incurred by <b>you</b> and which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £750 during the <b>period of insurance</b></li> </ul>
n. The costs of removing bees, wasps and hornets nests from the <b>premises</b> which have been incurred by <b>you</b> and which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than £750 during the <b>period of insurance</b></li> </ul>

# Section One – Buildings (continued)

## Accidental Damage to the Buildings

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **accidental damage** to the **buildings** is included:

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
<p>This extension covers <b>accidental damage</b> to the <b>buildings</b>.</p>	<p>Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage or any proportion of damage which <b>we</b> specifically exclude elsewhere under Section One</li> <li>• The <b>buildings</b> moving, settling, shrinking, collapsing or cracking,</li> <li>• Damage while the <b>home</b> is being altered, repaired, professionally cleaned, maintained or extended,</li> <li>• The cost of general maintenance,</li> <li>• Damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown,</li> <li>• Damage caused by dryness, dampness, extreme of temperature or exposure to light,</li> <li>• Damage to swimming pools or covers, gates and fences and fuel tanks,</li> <li>• Damage caused by domestic pets,</li> <li>• Depreciation in value</li> <li>• <b>Accidental damage</b> while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> or <b>unfurnished</b></li> </ul>

# Section One – Buildings (continued)

## Conditions that apply to Section One – Buildings only

### How we deal with your claim

1. We will pay for the cost of work carried out in reinstating or replacing the damaged parts of **your buildings** and agreed fees and related costs. The amount **we** will pay where reinstatement is carried out will not exceed the lesser of:
  - The cost of the work had it been completed by our nominated contractor; or
  - The cost of the work based upon the most competitive estimate or tender from **your** nominated contractors.

If the reinstatement or replacement is not carried out, **we** will pay the lesser of:

- The decrease in market value of **your buildings** due to the damage;
  - The cost of the work had it been completed by **our** nominated contractor if the repair work had been carried out without delay;
  - The cost of the work based upon the most competitive estimate or tender from **your** nominated contractors if the repair work had been carried out without delay.
2. Where an **excess** applies, this will be taken off the amount of **your** claim.
  3. If **your buildings** have not been kept in a good state of repair or if the sum insured at the time of the loss or damage is less than the cost of rebuilding all **your buildings** in the same way, size, style and appearance as when they were new, including fees and related costs, **we** will pay the cost of reinstating or replacing the damaged parts of **your buildings** and **we** will, where appropriate, take off an amount for wear and tear.
  4. The most **we** will pay for any one claim, including fees and related costs, is the amount it will cost **us** to reinstate the damage to **your buildings** in the same way, size, style and appearance as when they were new, but not more than the sum insured or any limits shown on **your** schedule.
  5. **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 specific part.

All **building** repairs carried out by **our** preferred suppliers and insured under the Buildings section of this policy are guaranteed for 12 months in respect of quality of workmanship.

No allowance will be made for VAT when a cash settlement is made.

### Your sum insured

**Your buildings** should be insured for the full cost of rebuilding the **buildings** in the same form, style and condition as new plus an amount for architects', surveyors, consulting engineers and legal fees, debris removal costs and other costs to comply with government or local authority requirements.

**We** will not pay more than the sum insured for each premises shown in the **schedule**.

### Proportionate remedy

If the cost of rebuilding the **buildings** is more than **your** sum insured at the time of any loss or damage, 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 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 the claim made by **you**.

## Section One – Buildings (continued)

### Conditions that apply to Section One – Buildings only (continued)

#### Maintaining the sum insured

After **we** have settled a claim, **we** will not reduce **your** sum insured on **your buildings**, as long as **you** take the measures **we** suggest to prevent any further loss or damage.

**We** will not charge any extra premium for maintaining the sum insured.

#### Inflation Protection

The sum insured shown on **your schedule** will be adjusted in line with a recognised index. Please note that if **we** selected **your** sum insured for **you**, the sum insured shown on **your schedule** will not be adjusted.

No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of the policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the adjusted sum insured and limits.

For **your** protection, **we** will not reduce **your** sum insured or limits if the index moves down unless **you** ask **us** to.

## Section Two – Contents

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **contents** are included:

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
Loss or damage to <b>your Contents</b> during the <b>period of insurance</b> caused by the following insured events:	Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b>
1. Fire, smoke, lightning, explosion or earthquake.	
2. Aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them.	
3. Storm, flood or weight of snow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage caused by a rise in the water table (the level below which the ground is completely saturated with water),</li> <li>• <b>Contents</b> that are located within the premises shown in the <b>schedule</b> but not contained within the <b>home</b> or <b>outbuildings</b> at the time of loss or damage.</li> </ul>
4. Escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, heating installation, apparatus or pipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage to the installation itself,</li> <li>• Loss or damage caused by failure of or lack of sealant and/or grout.</li> <li>• Loss or damage when the <b>home</b> is left without a <b>tenant</b> for more than 7 days between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive, or becomes <b>unoccupied</b> unless;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The water supply is turned off at the mains and the pipes and tanks are drained;</li> <li>or</li> <li>ii. The central heating system is left on at a minimum of 12 degrees Centigrade at all times</li> </ul>               Where fitted the loft hatch door is left open             </li> </ul>
5. Escape of oil from a fixed domestic oil-fired heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage to the installation itself.</li> </ul>
6. Theft or attempted theft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss where property is obtained by any person using any form of payment which proves to be counterfeit, false, fraudulent, invalid, uncollectible, irrecoverable or irredeemable for any reason.</li> <li>• Any amount exceeding £1,000 for <b>contents</b> in any garage or <b>outbuilding</b> unless specified in the <b>schedule</b>.</li> <li>• Loss or damage other than as a result of violent and forcible entry to or exit from the <b>home</b></li> </ul>
7. Collision or impact by any vehicle or animal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss or damage caused by insects, birds, vermin or domestic pets.</li> </ul>
8. Riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or malicious acts	

## Section Two – Contents (continued)

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **contents** are included:

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
	Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b>
9. <b>Subsidence</b> , or <b>Heave</b> of the site upon which the <b>Buildings</b> stand or <b>Landslip</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss or damage whilst the <b>Buildings</b> are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions,</li> <li>Loss or damage caused by river or coastal erosion,</li> <li>Loss or damage to solid floors, unless the walls of the <b>home</b> are damaged at the same time by the same event,</li> <li>Loss or damage which but for the existence of this insurance would be covered under any contract or a guarantee or by law.</li> </ul>
10. Falling trees, branches, telegraph poles or lamp-posts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back, within the boundary of the <b>buildings</b>.</li> </ul>

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
	Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b>
a) Costs <b>you</b> have to pay for replacing locks to alarms and outside doors in the <b>home</b> following theft or loss of <b>your</b> keys anywhere in the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than £500 in any <b>period of insurance</b>. If <b>you</b> claim under Section One and Section Two <b>we</b> will not pay more than £500 in total. (the <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b> does not apply)</li> </ul>
b) <b>Accidental damage</b> to: mirrors, glass or ceramic tops to furniture and fixed glass in furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Accidental damage</b> while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> or <b>unfurnished</b></li> </ul>
c) Damage to the <b>contents</b> caused by forced access to deal with a medical emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than £25,000 in any one <b>period of insurance</b>. If <b>you</b> claim under Section One and Section Two <b>we</b> will not pay more than £25,000 in total.</li> </ul>
d) The loss of rent and costs of alternative accommodation because of any loss or damage covered under Section Two, <b>we</b> will pay <b>you</b> for one of the following expenses of losses <b>we</b> have agreed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cost of alternative accommodation</li> <li>An amount equal to the rent payable to <b>you</b></li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any amount over 25% of the sum insured for the <b>contents</b> of the <b>buildings</b> damaged or destroyed</li> </ul>
e) Loss or damage to <b>contents</b> whilst temporarily removed from the <b>home</b> , but within the <b>United Kingdom</b> , for cleaning, renovation, repair or similar purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 10% of the sum insured for the <b>contents</b></li> </ul>
f) Increased metered water or oil charges <b>you</b> have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under event 4 of Section One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than £5,000 in any <b>period of insurance</b>. If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under Section One and Section Two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £5,000 in total.</li> </ul>



## Section Two – Contents (continued)

### Accidental Damage to the Contents

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

<b>What is covered:</b>	<b>What is not covered:</b>
This extension covers <b>accidental damage</b> to the <b>contents</b> of the <b>home</b> .	Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions. The <b>excess</b> shown in <b>your schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage or any proportion of damage which <b>we</b> specifically exclude elsewhere under Section Two</li><li>• More than £1,000 in total for porcelain, china, glass and other brittle articles,</li><li>• Damage or deterioration of any article caused by dyeing, professional cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon</li><li>• Damage caused by domestic pets.</li><li>• <b>Accidental damage</b> while the <b>home</b> is <b>unoccupied</b> or <b>unfurnished</b></li></ul>

## Section Two – Contents (continued)

### Conditions that apply to Section Two – Contents only

#### How we deal with your claim

If **you** claim for loss or damage to the **contents**, **we** will repair, replace or pay for any article covered under Section Two.

1. Where the damage can be economically repaired **we** will pay the cost of repair;
2. Where the damage cannot be economically repaired and the damaged or lost item can be replaced, **we** will replace it. If a replacement is not available **we** will replace it with an item of similar quality;
3. Where **we** are unable economically to repair or replace an item with an item of similar quality, **we** will agree a cash payment with **you** based on the replacement value;
4. Where **we** can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier, but instead **you** request and **we** agree to pay a cash settlement, then the amount will not normally exceed what **we** would have paid **our** preferred supplier.

The above basis of settlement will not apply to:

- Clothes;
- Camping equipment;
- Household linen;

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

**We** will not pay the cost or replacing or repairing any undamaged parts of the **contents** 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 specific part.

#### Your sum insured

**Your contents** must be insured for the full cost of replacement as new.

**We** will not pay any more than the sum insured for the **contents** of each premises shown in the **schedule**.

#### Proportionate Remedy

If the cost of replacing or repairing the **contents** is more than **your** sum insured at the time of any loss or damage, 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 sum insured. For example, if the premium **you** have paid for **your contents** is equal to 75% of what **your** premium would have been if **your contents** sum insured was enough to replace the entire **contents** of **your home** as new, then **we** will pay up to 75% of any claim made by **you**.

#### Maintaining the sum insured

After **we** have settled a claim, **we** will not reduce **your** sum insured on **your Contents**, as long as **you** take the measures **we** suggest to prevent any further loss or damage.

**We** will not charge any extra premium for maintaining the sum insured.

## Section Two – Contents (continued)

### Conditions that apply to Section Two – Contents only (continued)

#### Inflation Protection

The sum insured shown on **your schedule** will be adjusted in line with a recognised index. Please note that if **we** selected **your** sum insured for **you**, the sum insured shown on **your schedule** will not be adjusted.

No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of the policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the adjusted sum insured and limits.

For **your** protection, **we** will not reduce **your** sum insured or limits if the index moves down unless **you** ask us to.

# Section Three – Your Liabilities

## 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) below
- if the **buildings** and **contents** are insured, **your** legal liability as owner or occupier is covered under Part A(i) below

We will indemnify you:	We will not indemnify you for any liability:
<p>i. As owner or occupier for any amounts <b>you</b> become legally liable for as damages for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bodily injury</b></li> <li>• Damage to property</li> </ul> <p>Caused by an accident happening at the premises during the <b>period of insurance</b>,</p>	<p>a. For <b>bodily injury</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>You</b></li> <li>• Any other permanent member of the <b>home</b></li> <li>• Any person who at the time of sustaining injury is engaged in <b>your</b> service</li> </ul> <p>b. For <b>bodily injury</b> arising directly or indirectly from any communicable disease or condition</p> <p>c. Arising out of any criminal or violent act to another person or property</p> <p>d. For damage to property owned by or in the charge or control of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>you</b></li> <li>• any other permanent member of the <b>home</b></li> <li>• any person engaged in <b>your</b> service</li> </ul> <p>e. 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 <b>period of insurance</b></p> <p>f. arising directly or indirectly out of any profession, occupation, business or employment</p> <p>g. which <b>you</b> have assumed under contract and which would not otherwise have attached</p> <p>h. arising out of <b>your</b> ownership, possession or use of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. any motorised or horsedrawn vehicle other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• domestic gardening equipment used within the premises and</li> <li>• pedestrian controlled gardening equipment used elsewhere</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. any power-operated lift other than stairlifts</li> <li>iii. any aircraft (including but not limited to model aircraft, gliders, hang-giders, microlights and drones), hovercraft or watercraft other than rowing boats or canoes,</li> </ol>

## Section Three – Your Liabilities (continued)

We will indemnify you:	We will not indemnify you for any liability:
	<p>iv. any animal other than cats, horses, or dogs which are not designated as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 or Dangerous Dogs Amendment 1997 or any amending legislation</p> <p>i. in respect of any kind of pollution and/or contamination other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• caused by a sudden, identified, unexpected and unforeseen accident which happens in its entirety at a specific moment of time during the <b>period of insurance</b> at the premises named in the <b>schedule</b>; and</li> <li>• reported to <b>us</b> not later than 30 days from the end of the <b>period of insurance</b>;</li> </ul> <p>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</p> <p>j. arising out of <b>your</b> ownership, occupation, possession or use of any land or building that is not within the premises</p> <p>k. if <b>you</b> are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance, until such insurance(s) is exhausted</p>

# Section Three – Your Liabilities (continued)

## Part B

The following cover applies only if the **schedule** shows that **buildings** is included:

<b>We will pay for your legal liability:</b>	<b>We will not pay for your legal liability</b>
<p><b>Your</b> liability under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or Section 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, as owner of any previous <b>home</b> which <b>you</b> occupied, for accident happening in and around that <b>Home</b> which result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bodily injury</b> to any person, or</li> <li>• Loss or damage to property.</li> </ul> <p>If <b>you</b> die, <b>we</b> will pay amounts <b>your</b> personal representatives become legally liable to pay for liability under this Section.</p> <p><b>We</b> will pay up to £2,000,000 for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one event. In addition, <b>we</b> will also pay any costs and expenses <b>we</b> have agreed in writing.</p>	<p>Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liability arising from an incident which happened over 7 years after this insurance ends or <b>your home</b> was sold, whichever is the sooner.</li> <li>• Liability arising from any cause for which <b>you</b> are entitled to cover under another source, or</li> <li>• The cost of correcting any fault or alleged fault,</li> <li>• Liability arising from any <b>home</b> previously owned and occupied by <b>you</b> in which <b>you</b> still hold legal title or have an interest.</li> <li>• Anything owned by or the legal responsibility of <b>your</b> family</li> <li>• Injury , death, disease or illness to any of <b>your</b> family (other than <b>your</b> domestic employees who normally live with <b>you</b>)</li> <li>• Liability arising from any employment, trade, profession or business of any of <b>your</b> family</li> <li>• Liability accepted by any of <b>your</b> family under any agreement, unless the liability would exist without the agreement</li> <li>• Liability arising from The Party Wall etc Act 1996</li> <li>• Liability where <b>you</b> are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance</li> </ul>

## Section Three – Your Liabilities (continued)

### Part C

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

<b>We will pay for your legal liability:</b>	<b>We will not pay for your legal liability:</b>
<p><b>We will pay all amounts you</b> become legally liable to pay, including costs and expenses which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing, for accidental <b>bodily injury to domestic employees</b> happening during the <b>period of insurance</b> in connection with incidents arising at the <b>home</b>.</p> <p><b>We will pay up to £5,000,000</b> for any one claim or series of claims arising out of any one incident, including the costs and expenses that <b>we</b> have agreed in writing.</p>	<p>Any cause already excluded within the General Exclusions.</p> <p><b>Bodily injury</b> arising directly or indirectly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From any communicable disease or condition,</li> <li>• From the ownership or occupation of any land or <b>buildings</b> other than the <b>home</b>,</li> <li>• Where <b>you</b> are entitled to cover from another source,</li> <li>• From any trade or business activity,</li> <li>• From <b>you</b> owning or using any:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Power-operated lift,</li> <li>b. Mechanically-propelled vehicle or horse-drawn vehicle (other than domestic garden equipment not licensed for road use),</li> <li>c. Aircraft, hovercraft or watercraft (other than rowing boards or canoes),</li> <li>d. Caravan or trailer,</li> <li>e. Animals other than <b>your</b> pets,</li> <li>f. Dangerous dogs specified under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or Article 3 of the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• From firearms (except shotguns used for sporting purposes),</li> <li>• The direct or indirect consequences of assault or alleged assault,</li> <li>• Any deliberate, wilful or malicious act.</li> </ul>

### Important Notice

#### **Dangerous Dogs Act 1991**

The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 imposes certain requirements on specific types of dog. It also places requirements in relation 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 ([www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)) 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 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 ([www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)) or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.