



Hiscox 606 Home Insurance
Policy wording



General terms and conditions

Introduction

A seamless integrated insurance solution.

Please read **your policy** wording, together with any **endorsements** and **your schedule**, very carefully and keep them in a safe place. If anything is incorrect or changes, please notify **us** immediately.

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These General terms and conditions apply to **your policy**. **Your schedule** will state whether **your policy** includes home, fine art and/or motor cover.

General definitions

Words shown in bold type have the same meaning throughout **your policy** and are defined below. Any extra definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.

Amount insured

The most **we** will pay as stated in **your schedule**.

Artificial intelligence

Any machine learning, logical, statistical or other algorithm in **computer or digital technology** that can:

1. perform tasks or generate outputs, including but not limited to, actions, content, decisions, predictions or recommendations; or
2. adapt or vary its operation proactively, or in response to inputs.

Civil commotion

Where 12 or more persons are present together, whether in a public or private place, with a common purpose (which may be inferred from conduct):

1. to use, or threaten to use, physical force to inflict personal injury on any person or to damage property; or
2. which causes a person of reasonable firmness, had such person been present at the scene, to fear for their safety. For the purposes of this definition, no person of reasonable firmness need actually be, or be likely to be, present at the scene.

Communicable disease

Any communicable, infectious or contagious disease, including any related variation, strain, virus, complex or syndrome.

Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

Computer or digital technology error

Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the:

1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or
2. ongoing operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of,

any **computer or digital technology**.

Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, attempting or resulting in:



1. access to;
2. extraction of information from;
3. disruption of access to or the operation of; or
4. damage to:

any data or **computer or digital technology**, including but not limited to any:

- a. **programs** designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or **computer or digital technology** including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
- b. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

Endorsement

A change to the terms of **your policy** agreed by **us** in writing.

European Union

The countries within the European Union.

Excess

The amount **you** are required to pay as the first part of each agreed claim.

Hacker

Any **artificial intelligence**, entity or person, including any employee of **yours**, who gains or attempts to gain unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

1. **computer or digital technology**; or
2. data held electronically by **you** or on **your** behalf.

If **your schedule** states that Personal cyber cover is included as part of **your policy**, this definition does not apply to that section.

Nuclear risks

1. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;
2. any products or services which include, involve or relate in any way to anything in 1. above, or the storage, handling or disposal of anything in 1. above; or
3. all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in 1. or 2. above is located.

Period of insurance

The time for which **your policy** is in force as stated in **your schedule**.

Policy

This insurance document and **your schedule**, including any **endorsements**. **Your schedule** will state whether **you** have selected home, fine art and/or motor covers.

Program(s)

Code or instructions which tell **computer or digital technology** how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment, systems or devices.

Schedule

The document showing **your** name, **your** address and **your** insurance details that **we** sent **you** when **we** accepted this insurance or following any subsequent amendment to **your** cover, whichever is the more recent.



Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by any **artificial intelligence**, entity or person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property to which such third-party is not entitled.

Solar weather

Solar flares, solar eruptions or bursts including plasma bubbles or ejections, magnetic field or magnetosphere fluctuations or disruptions.

Terrorism

An act, or the threat of an act, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, that:

1. is committed for political, religious, ideological, racial or similar purposes; and
2. is intended to influence any government or an international governmental organisation or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and
 - a. involves violence against one or more persons;
 - b. involves damage to property;
 - c. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action;
 - d. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
 - e. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.

United Kingdom

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

War

War (whether declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.

We/us/our

The insurer named in **your schedule** in respect of each section of **your policy**.

You/your

The policyholder named in **your schedule** and anyone else identified as 'you/your' in the Special definitions of any section of **your policy**.

Our promise to you

We will:

1. cover **you** in accordance with the terms and conditions of **your policy** in return for the premium **you** pay; and
2. validate and pay covered claims as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Your promise to us

You must:

1. take care when providing any information **we** ask for and ensure that it is true, accurate and complete. Tell **us** or **your** broker if this information changes. If **you** are in any doubt, please talk to **us** or **your** broker. **We** will tell **you** if a change in information affects **your** insurance; and
2. comply with the terms and conditions of **your policy**, including the terms of each section.

If **you** do not, it may affect the validity of **your policy**, **our** ability to pay a claim or the amount **we** pay in respect of a claim.

How to make a claim In order for **us** to deal with **your** claim **you** must:

1. tell **us** or **your** broker as soon as possible if something has happened which may result in a claim. If a crime has been committed, **you** must also tell the police as soon as possible and **you** must provide **us** with a crime reference number;
2. not admit responsibility or make any offer of payment without **our** prior agreement;
3. send any correspondence regarding a claim to **us** or **your** broker if **you** have one, as soon as **you** can;
4. give **us** all the co-operation **we** need to investigate and resolve **your** claim, including providing evidence of the value of any items involved in a claim as well as any other relevant information and documents **we** may reasonably require;
5. allow **us** to take over and deal with the defence or settlement of any claim in **your** name, if **you** are being held responsible for causing an injury or damage to property; and
6. allow **us** to start recovery proceedings in **your** name and give **us** all the assistance **we** need to do this.

If **you** do not, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under **your policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result of **your** failure to comply with these obligations.

You must also comply with any other conditions contained within the specific sections of **your policy**.

Information you have given us

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| Reasonable care | 1. The information you give to us is important as we use this in setting the terms and premium for your policy . You must take reasonable care not to give us information that is untrue, incomplete or inaccurate. |
| Deliberately or recklessly given information | 2. Occasionally, we are deliberately or recklessly given false information. If this happens we will treat your policy as if it never existed and refuse all claims. You must repay any payments already made by us under your policy and we will not return the premium to you . |
| Carelessly given information | 3. If you acted carelessly when giving us your information, several things could happen: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. if we provided insurance cover that we would not otherwise have offered, we will treat this insurance as if it had never existed. If this happens, we will give you back your premium and you must repay any payments already made by us under your policy;b. if we would have insured you on different terms, we will amend your policy retrospectively and apply these amended terms to all claims under your policy, including any claims you have already made; orc. if we would have charged you more premium if you had provided accurate information we may reduce proportionately the amount we pay for a claim. To |

calculate this **we** will divide the premium **we** actually charged by the premium **we** would have charged and multiply this figure by the amount of the agreed claim.

Changes to information

4. If there are any significant or material changes during the **period of insurance** to any information **you** have given **us**, **you** must let **us** know as soon as possible. This includes anything that could result in any limit within **your policy** not being sufficient, such as acquiring new property. **We** may then change the terms of **your policy**, charge an additional premium or cancel **your policy** in accordance with the cancellation condition.

If **you** do not tell **us** about such change, **we** will be entitled to the remedies set out under 3. a. to c. above with effect from the date of the change.

You do not need to tell **us** about any newly acquired property covered under 'New possessions' in Your home and personal possessions section, where **you** benefit from that additional cover.

Your obligations

You must:

1. always try to prevent accident or injury and protect **your** property against loss or damage;
2. keep **your** property in good condition and repair; and
3. arrange for urgent repairs to be undertaken as soon as possible, if such repairs are needed to prevent further damage.

If **you** do not, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under **your policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result of **your** failure to comply with these obligations.

Full value

You must ensure that the **amount insured** represents the full value of the property covered under **your policy**, as set out below:

1. for buildings, the full value is the estimated cost of rebuilding the buildings to the same specification, including fees, expenses and any applicable taxes involved in the rebuilding. This is not the same as the market value.
2. for tenant's improvement, the full value is the cost to repair or replace as new.
3. for contents, the full value is the current cost as new.
4. for jewellery, watches and valuable items that are not specified individually, the full value is the higher of the replacement cost and the current market value.

If the **amount insured** does not represent the full value, **we** may reduce the amount **we** pay for a claim.

General conditions

Governing law

1. Unless agreed otherwise in writing, **your policy** is governed by the law, and any disputes in relation to **your policy** will be dealt with in the courts, of the country within the **United Kingdom** in which **your** main residence is situated. If **your** main residence is not in the **United Kingdom**, the law and courts of England and Wales will apply.

The most we will pay

2. When a claim is made, **we** will only ever pay up to the relevant **amount insured**.

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| Multiple insureds | <p>3. If more than one person is entitled to cover under your policy, the total amount we will pay following a claim will not exceed the amount we would be liable to pay to any one such person. Unless you have advised us otherwise, we will pay each person named in your schedule their respective share of such claim.</p> |
| Fraudulent claims | <p>4. If any claim is in any way dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent then we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. refuse to make any payment in respect of the dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent claim; b. tell you that we are terminating your policy and back-date the termination to the date of the dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud; c. refuse to make any payment under your policy in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring on or after the date of the dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud; and d. not return any premium. <p>If we discover any dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. have the right to terminate any other products you hold with us and share information about your behaviour with other organisations to prevent further dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud; and b. may involve the relevant authorities who are empowered to bring criminal proceedings. <p>If a dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent claim has been made under any other policy you hold with us, we may terminate your policy.</p> <p>If we have paid any claims after the date of any dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud, you must pay us back.</p> |
| Third parties | <p>5. No third party will have any right, or be able to enforce any term of your policy, under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or any similar or successor legislation. This does not affect the rights or remedies available to a third party which exist apart from this Act.</p> |
| Cooling-off | <p>6. a. If for any reason you feel that your policy is not right for you, you can cancel your policy within 14 days of insuring with us. If you have not made a claim, we will return your premium in full.</p> |
| Cancellation by you | <p>b. You can cancel your policy by notifying us at any time. If you cancel after the first 14 days and have not made a claim, we will return a pro-rata proportion of your premium.</p> <p>However, this does not apply to the Travel section of your policy, if your schedule states that you have cover as part of your policy.</p> <p>We will not charge you a fee for cancelling your policy.</p> |
| Cancellation by us | <p>7. a. We may cancel your policy, but we will only do so for a valid reason and only after giving you at least 30 days' notice, which will be sent by recorded post to the correspondence address stated in your schedule.</p> <p>This does not apply to the Motor physical damage or Motor third-party liability sections of your policy, where applicable.</p> <p>b. If we cover you under the Motor physical damage or Motor third-party liability sections of your policy, we may cancel those sections by giving you 14 days'</p> |

notice, which will be sent by recorded post to the correspondence address stated in **your schedule**.

If **we** cancel **your policy** or any section of **your policy** for any reason, **we** will return a pro-rata proportion of **your** premium, provided **you** have not made a claim.

However, this does not apply to the Travel section of **your policy**, if **your schedule** states that **you** have cover as part of **your policy**.

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| Premium instalments | 8. If we have agreed that you can pay us the premium by instalments and we have not received an instalment 15 days after the due date, we may cancel your policy . We will contact you before we cancel your policy in order to give you the opportunity to pay any premium due to us . If your policy is cancelled, the period of insurance will equate to the period for which premium instalments have been paid to us . We will confirm the cancellation and amended period of insurance to you in writing. |
| Renewal | 9. We will write to you or your broker if you have one, at least 21 days in advance of your renewal date with our offer to renew, or to give you plenty of time to make other arrangements if we are unable to renew your policy . The renewal offer will include the premium and any changes in the terms and conditions for the next period of insurance which, unless you have advised us otherwise, will automatically proceed if you continue to pay your premium. Where we have agreed to collect this premium automatically, we will continue to do so unless you tell us differently. If you do not wish to renew your insurance please let us know before the renewal date of your policy .

If you make a claim under your policy for loss, damage or liability that occurred after we wrote to you with our offer to renew at the address stated in your schedule , but before your renewal date, we may adjust the terms of your insurance and your renewal premium accordingly. If we are unable to renew your policy , we will let you know. |
| Premium payment | 10. We will not make any payment under your policy unless you have paid the premium due to us .

If you make a claim under your policy , we will keep the premium that is due to us . If you pay your premium by instalments we will ask you to either continue paying your premium by instalments or we may deduct any outstanding instalment from any claim payment we have agreed to make. |
| Cover under more than one cover or section | 11. If the same claim, loss or other covered liability is insured under more than one section of your policy , or under more than one cover under What is covered within the same section, we will only make payment under one section or cover, being the one that provides the most advantageous cover to you or the party entitled to cover. |
| Sanctions | 12. We shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or loss or provide any benefit under your policy to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or loss or provision of such benefit would expose us , or would in our reasonable view give rise to any appreciable risk of exposing us , to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union , United Kingdom , United States of America , or of any other relevant jurisdiction. |

What is not covered The exclusions set out below apply to each and every section of **your policy** and shall not be varied by any other provisions in **your policy**. Where the exclusions below are not consistent with any other provision in **your policy**, these exclusions apply and shall override the inconsistent provision.

In addition, other exclusions apply to **your policy** and these are included in the particular sections of **your policy** to which they apply.

We do not cover any claim, loss, damage or liability:

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| Deliberate acts | 1. arising out of a deliberate or dishonest act by you or anyone acting on your behalf. |
| Terrorism | 2. directly or indirectly due to:
a. biological or chemical contamination; or
b. any failure in the supply of gas, water, electricity or phone service to your home, which is caused by terrorism . |
| Nuclear and radiation | 3. directly or indirectly due to any:
a. nuclear risks ;
b. fear or threat of a. above; or
c. action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to a. to b. above. |
| War | 4. directly or indirectly due to any:
a. war ;
b. fear or threat of a. above; or
c. action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to a. to b. above. |

However, a. above does not apply to any medical expenses under the Travel section of **your policy**, if **your schedule** states that **you** have cover as part of **your policy** and to the extent to which it is otherwise covered within that section of **your policy**.

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| Confiscation by authority | 5. directly or indirectly due to your property being confiscated, taken, damaged or destroyed by or under the order of any government or public or local authority. |
| Communicable disease | 6. directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:
a. communicable disease ;
b. fear or threat of a. above; or
c. action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to a. to b. above. |

However, a. above does not apply to:

- i. **your** liability to any domestic employee under Your legal liabilities section of **your policy**; or
- ii. the Travel section of **your policy**,



if **your schedule** states that **you** have cover as part of **your policy** and to the extent to which it is otherwise covered within that section of **your policy**.

Other insurance

7. under this **policy** where **you** would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if this **policy** did not exist except in respect of any amount in excess of the amount that would have been payable under such other insurance had this **policy** not been effected. If such other insurance is provided by **us** the most **we** will pay under this **policy** will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.

Solar weather

8. directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with:
 - a. **solar weather**;
 - b. any fear or threat of a.; or
 - c. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to a. to b. above.

Your home and personal possessions

Your **schedule** will show an amount or use the word 'covered' to indicate if **your building, outbuildings and other structures, contents, art and collections or jewellery, watches and valuable items** are covered by this section of **your policy**.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

If **you** need to make a claim, please refer to 'How to make a claim' within the General terms and conditions.

Special definitions for this section

Art and collections

Art, antiques and collectibles of particular value due to their age, style, artistic merit or collectability all of which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible, including:

1. furniture;
2. paintings, drawings, etchings, prints and photographs;
3. tapestries and rugs;
4. manuscripts;
5. porcelain and sculptures;
6. stamps or coins;
7. gold, silver and gold- and silver-plated items;
8. clocks and barometers;
9. books;
10. wine;
11. dolls and toys;
12. memorabilia;
13. medals and militaria; or
14. furs and guns.

We do not include jewellery, watches and valuable items and any items which are business property within this definition.

Building

The principal structure at each address stated in **your schedule**, and the following items within the grounds of **your home** at the same address:

1. items that are fixed to and form part of such structure;
2. domestic fixed fuel tanks;
3. solar panels attached to such structure and used for domestic purposes;
4. underground service pipes, cables, drains and sewers that are attached to such structure; and

5. walls, gates, hedges, fences, paths, terraces, driveways and patios:
 - a. that are attached to or immediately servicing such structure; or
 - b. that are shared with **outbuildings and other structures**,

which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible.

We do not include within this definition any **outbuildings and other structures** or any structure, or part of a structure, used for any business activity other than clerical and administrative work or **incidental farming** carried out by **you** or on **your** behalf at **your home**.

Contents

Household goods, clothing and personal property, all of which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible.

We do not include within this definition:

1. **money** or bank cards;
2. more than the **amount insured** for **art and collections** as stated in the Contents section of **your schedule**;
3. more than the **amount insured** for **jewellery, watches and valuable items** as stated in the Contents section of **your schedule**; or
4. any item used for any business activity, other than any:
 - a. laptop, keyboard, computer, monitor or other non-specialist accessories; or
 - b. office desks, chairs or non-specialist supplies.

Domestic employee

Any person working for **you** in connection with domestic duties or **incidental farming** duties who is:

1. employed by **you** under a contract of service; or
2. self-employed and working on a labour-only basis under **your** control or supervision.

Drone

Any remotely controlled unmanned aerial vehicle which is not used for commercial purposes and which belongs to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible.

We do not include within this definition any unmanned aerial vehicle that exceeds seven kilograms in weight or such other weight stipulated by the Air Navigation Order 2016, or similar or successor legislation, as constituting a small unmanned aircraft.

Heave

The upward movement of the ground beneath the **building** or **outbuildings and other structures** as a result of the expansion or swelling of the subsoil.

Home

The private residence at the address stated in **your schedule** including the **building** and **outbuildings and other structures** at the same address, but not **your personal possessions**.

Incidental farming

Farming, including livery (looking after horses), carried out by **you** on a part-time basis at the address stated in **your schedule**, as long as any people **you** employ for this purpose do not work more than 1,000 hours between them during the **period of insurance**.

Jewellery, watches and valuable items

Jewellery, watches, gemstones, krugerrand, gold bullion or precious metals held as commodities which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible.

Landslip

Sudden movement of soil on a slope or gradual creep of soil on a slope over a period of time.



Money	Bank notes and coins that are not part of a collection, cheques, postal orders, bank drafts, travel tickets, traveller's cheques, current postage stamps, savings stamps and certificates, premium bonds or other negotiable documents.
Normal settlement	The downward movement of the ground beneath the building or outbuildings and other structures as a result of the soil being compressed by the weight of such structure.
Outbuildings and other structures	<p>Any permanent structure within the grounds of your home which is not attached to the building and which belongs to you or for which you are legally responsible, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. those structures other than the building used for domestic, clerical and administrative or incidental farming purposes;2. greenhouses;3. garages used for domestic purposes;4. swimming pools;5. wind turbines used for domestic purposes;6. hard tennis courts; and7. all terraces, patios, driveways, footpaths, walls, gates, hedges and fences connected to such structures, other than those shared with the building. <p>We do not include within this definition, any structure or part of a structure used for any business activity other than clerical and administrative work or incidental farming carried out by you or on your behalf at your home.</p>
Personal possessions	Art and collections, contents, jewellery, watches and valuable items all of which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible.
Subsidence	The downward movement of the ground beneath the building or outbuildings and other structures other than by normal settlement .
Unfurnished	The home is not furnished with kitchen appliances, fixtures and fittings, curtains, carpets, beds and furniture essential for modern living.
You/your	Also includes all permanent members of your household, including domestic employees who live in the home .

What is covered

Home	If your schedule includes cover for your home , we will cover the home against physical loss or physical damage which happens during the period of insurance .
Alternative accommodation	<p>If your home cannot be lived in because of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. physical loss or physical damage we have agreed to pay;2. physical loss or physical damage to a neighbouring property which results in a local authority or emergency service prohibiting you from accessing your home. This cover only applies if such physical loss or physical damage would have been covered by this insurance had the damage occurred to your home; or

3. a local authority or emergency service issuing an instruction to leave **your home** or prohibiting **you** from accessing **your home** which lasts for more than 24 hours in a row, **we** will also cover the reasonable and necessary costs for alternative accommodation and any ground rent **you** have paid or are obliged to pay for the period **your home** cannot be lived in. This includes accommodation for **your** horses and domestic pets.

Personal possessions	If your schedule includes cover for your personal possessions , we will cover them against physical loss or physical damage which happens during the period of insurance while at your home and while temporarily removed from your home anywhere in the world.
Loss or theft of keys	We will pay the costs incurred by you to replace locks and keys to outside doors, windows, safes and alarms of your home as a direct result of loss of keys, or theft of keys, occurring during the period of insurance .
Garden restoration and tree removal costs	<p>We will cover the reasonable and necessary costs you incur to restore your garden if it is damaged during the period of insurance.</p> <p>We will also pay for the necessary and reasonable costs you incur, following written professional advice and with our prior written agreement, for the felling, lopping or removing of trees in your garden and which pose an immediate threat of bodily injury or physical damage to a neighbouring property during the period of insurance. However, we will not make any payment for legal or local authority costs in removing trees or for costs incurred in respect of routine or subsequent maintenance of any such trees or solely to comply with a preservation or conservation order.</p>
Home upgrades	If we have agreed to pay your claim for physical loss or physical damage caused by the escape of water or flood, we will also pay towards the cost of improvements intended to prevent or minimise the likelihood of a future occurrence of the same type. We will only do this if the covered loss we have agreed to pay is more than £10,000.
Open garden and charity events	<p>We will cover your home and your personal possessions against physical loss or physical damage arising from the hiring out or the opening of your home, your garden or your land provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the event is solely for the benefit of an organised registered charity, religious or community group; 2. all revenue is solely for the benefit of an organised registered charity, religious or community group; 3. there are no more than ten events and no more than twenty days in total across all events during any one period of insurance; and 4. no more than 300 people attend on any one day of the event.
Additional covers for your home	If we insure your home , we will also provide you with the following cover up to the corresponding amount insured :
Selling your home	<p>If you are selling your home or any part of your home covered by this section of your policy, we will cover the home or the relevant sold part for the buyer against physical loss or physical damage we have agreed to pay, which happens during the period of insurance. Cover will start from the time you exchange contracts to the time the sale is complete.</p> <p>The other Additional covers do not apply to this cover.</p>

Tracing a leak

We will pay the costs incurred to find and access the point of escape of a:

1. domestic heating fuel leak within **your home** or a water leak from **your** permanent plumbing or heating system which is likely to cause damage to the **building, outbuildings and other structures or your personal possessions**; or
2. water leak from the underground service pipes for which **you** are legally responsible which service and are located outside of the **home** but at the address stated in **your schedule**.

We will also pay the cost to make good any damage caused by the above work.

The leak must happen during the **period of insurance**.

Buying a new home

If **we** already insure the **home** of **your** main residence stated in **your schedule** and **you** are buying a new main residence within the **United Kingdom** during the **period of insurance**, **we** will automatically cover the **home** at the new address while **you** are arranging insurance for it. This cover only applies to physical loss or physical damage caused by fire. The cover is in force from the time **you** exchange contracts until **your** new insurance starts or the purchase is complete, but for no longer than 60 days. However, **we** will only do this if the **home** at the new address is not insured by the vendor, and provided it is in a good state of repair.

The other Additional covers do not apply to this cover.

Building works

We will cover the building works, materials and supplies for use on any work to extend, renovate or build **your home** against physical loss or physical damage which happens during the **period of insurance**. **We** will only cover such works, materials and supplies which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible while located within the grounds of **your home**.

You must notify **us** at least 30 days before such building work begins and before entering into any contract for the works, if the estimated or quoted value of the building works reflecting all planned phases of the project, costs and any applicable taxes exceeds £250,000.

If **you** have had any building work carried out that is less than £250,000 and this has increased the value of **your home** please let **us** know so that **we** can review **your** cover and make any necessary adjustments. This helps ensure **your policy** continues to provide the protection **you** need.

If the value of **your** building work is more than £250,000 several things could happen.

We may:

1. amend the terms of **your policy**;
2. cancel **your policy** in accordance with the cancellation condition; or
3. require **you** to pay more for **your** cover.

If **you** do not tell **us** of the above building work and **we** provided insurance cover that **we** would not otherwise have offered, in addition to 1. to 3. above, **we** will be entitled to any of the remedies under **Information you have given to us** within the **General terms and conditions**. If any of these remedies are applied, **we** will write to **you** explaining why this is happening.

We will not pay for loss or damage if **you** have waived **our** right to take proceedings in **your** name to recover, for **our** benefit, the amount of any payment **we** would have made under **your policy**.

Unfurnished let home, carpets, curtains and appliances

If **your home** is let **unfurnished**, **we** will cover **your** carpets, curtains and domestic appliances against physical loss or physical damage which happens during the **period of insurance**.

Domestic utility expenses

If **we** have agreed to pay **your** claim for physical loss or physical damage to the solar panels attached to **your home** or wind turbines at the address stated in **your schedule**, **we** will also

pay **you** for the loss of income which would have been payable to **you** from **your** energy supplier had such a loss not occurred.

This cover will start from the date on which physical loss or physical damage happens and will continue until such time as **you** are able to generate **your** own electricity, but for no longer than the period stated in **your schedule**.

Emergency access

We will pay towards the cost of repairs following forcible access to **your home** due to a medical emergency or to prevent or minimise physical loss or physical damage insured under this section.

Environmental upgrades

If **we** have agreed to pay **your claim** for physical loss or physical damage under this section and as part of the agreed repair costs **you** decide to install a solar, wind or geothermal power generating system to **your home**, **we** will pay towards the cost of installing such a system.

We will only do this if:

1. the heating system at the **home** is physically damaged and such damage is part of the loss or damage **we** have agreed to pay under this section;
2. the covered loss **we** have agreed to pay is more than £15,000; and
3. at the time of loss, there is no solar, wind or geothermal power generating system installed at **your home**.

Fly tipping

We will pay towards the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** in removing rubbish and waste material which has been deposited on **your** land at the address stated in **your schedule** without **your** permission during the **period of insurance**.

Rent owed to you

We will pay for **your** net rent, after deducting all fees or associated costs for renting, owning or maintaining **your** property, which **you** cannot recover as landlord while **your home** cannot be lived in because of physical loss or physical damage **we** have agreed to pay under this section.

Additional covers for personal possessions

If **we** cover **your personal possessions**, **we** will also provide **you** with the following cover up to the corresponding **amount insured**:

New possessions

We will increase each **amount insured** for **contents** which are not covered on an unlimited basis, **art and collections** and **jewellery, watches and valuable items** by up to 25% but no more than £100,000, to cover any items **you** acquire during the **period of insurance**. This cover extends to physical loss or physical damage to items **you** have purchased while being transported by **you** directly from the retailer to **your home**. **We** will not charge for this additional cover unless **you** request any adjustments to **your policy**. **You** must tell **us** about any new possessions at the renewal of **your policy**, at which point **we** may increase the premium for the following period of insurance to reflect the value of the additional possessions.

Acquired disability

We will pay towards the cost of reasonable and necessary alterations to **your home** to enable **you** to live there unassisted if **you** have become permanently physically disabled where the physical disability is directly and solely caused by sudden and unforeseen accidental, violent, external and visible means during the **period of insurance**.

We will only do this if:

1. **we** agree to the alterations and the amount of **our** contribution towards them, before the alterations are carried out;
2. **you** allow a medical adviser chosen by **us** to examine **you** and to see all medical records, if **we** consider it necessary; and
3. the physical disability is not self-inflicted.



For the purposes of this additional cover:

1. the definition of 'you' does not include **domestic employees**; and
2. 'permanently physically disabled' means that **you**:
 - a. have permanently lost all use of a complete arm, hand, foot or leg; or
 - b. are registered blind.

Business records

If **your home** office business records or electronic data are lost or damaged as a result of physical loss or physical damage covered under this section, **we** will pay up to the **amount insured** stated in **your schedule** for the reasonable and necessary cost of replacing any business records or reconstituting the data **you** need to continue **your** business. **We** will not pay for the value to **you** of the lost information.

Death of the artist

We will increase the **amount insured** for any item listed in the specification for **art and collections**, agreed by **us**, and held by **us** or **your** insurance broker, by up to 100% if the artist dies during the **period of insurance**. **We** will only do this for the six months immediately following the death of that artist and provided **you** can produce an independent professional valuation or a purchase receipt, which is not more than three years old at the time of any physical loss or physical damage **we** have agreed to pay. **You** must be able to prove the increased value if **you** make a claim for that item.

We will also reimburse **you** for any costs or expenses **you** have paid but are unable to recover on works of **art and collections** commissioned by **you** which remain incomplete at the time of the artist's death. **We** will only do this if the artist dies during the **period of insurance** and **you** are legally entitled to a refund of such costs or expenses.

If **you** are unable to provide evidence of the costs or expenses that are legally due to **you** or a professional valuation or purchase receipt and proof of increased value then this additional cover will not apply.

Defective title

If, during the **period of insurance**, someone claims that an item of specified **art and collections** is not rightfully **yours** and **you** are legally obliged to return the item to its rightful owner because it is proved that **you** do not have good title to it, **we** will pay **you** the amount **you** paid for it, or the value stated in the specification agreed by **us** and held by **us** or **your** insurance broker if this is less. **We** will only do this if **you**:

1. bought the item during the period that the **art and collections** has been insured with **us**;
2. tell **us** about the claim during the **period of insurance**; and
3. made reasonable enquiries about the item's provenance before **you** bought it.

We do not cover any items **you** inherit or that were given to **you**.

Hole in one

We will pay towards the cost of celebrating **your** hole in one during an official golf competition round during the **period of insurance**.

We will only pay **your** claim if **you** provide **us** with **your** scorecard and certification form signed by **your** club or match secretary.

Increased cost of working

We will pay **you** for the extra necessary and reasonable costs of continuing the clerical and administrative work that **you** carry out in **your home** during the time **your** work is interrupted, if:

1. there is an accidental failure in the supply of the utility services to **your home** which lasts for more than 24 hours in a row during the **period of insurance**; or
2. **your home** or its **contents** suffer physical loss or physical damage **we** have agreed to pay.



	<p>This cover will start from the date of the interruption to utility services or physical loss or physical damage and will continue until you are able to start work in your home or other alternative accommodation, but for no longer than 12 months.</p>
Marquees	<p>We will cover any marquee that you hire temporarily while it is at the premises stated in your schedule against physical loss or physical damage covered under this section. This includes any associated lighting, heating and furnishings belonging to the marquee contractor.</p>
Metered water and heating oil	<p>We will cover you against the accidental loss of metered water or domestic heating fuel from your fixed heating fuel tank, apparatus or pipes which occurs during the period of insurance.</p>
Money	<p>We will cover your money and bank cards against physical loss or physical damage which happens anywhere in the world during the period of insurance.</p> <p>We will pay any amounts which you legally have to pay and are unable to recover from the card issuer if your bank cards, including any stored or used electronically via Apple Pay, Google Pay or Samsung Pay, have been used without your permission after your bank card, or your device on which any electronically stored card was held, has been lost or stolen. This cover will only apply provided you follow all terms and conditions of the card issuer and any third-party facilitating the electronic use of the card.</p> <p>We do not cover loss of or damage to any electronic funds, online or crypto currency, including Bitcoin, even where such currency exists in physical form.</p>
Personal documents	<p>We will pay for the reasonable and necessary clerical and administrative costs involved in replacing or reconstituting personal documents or title deeds, as a result of physical loss or physical damage covered under this section.</p> <p>We do not cover the cost of any indemnity policy you are required to provide in respect of the replacement of lost or damaged share certificates, or any similar costs or expenses.</p>
Personal property of visitors and domestic employees	<p>We will cover the personal property belonging to your visitors and domestic employees, who do not live in your home, against physical loss or physical damage covered under this section occurring in your home during the period of insurance.</p>
Rent you owe	<p>We will pay the rent you have to pay as a tenant if your home cannot be lived in because of physical loss or physical damage we have agreed to pay. We will not provide such cover if we pay you for alternative accommodation as a result of the same loss.</p>
Retrieving data	<p>We will pay the costs involved in retrieving your personal data from the computer in your home or from your other personal electronic devices which have suffered physical damage we have agreed to pay.</p>
Residential care	<p>We will cover your parents' or grandparents' household goods, clothing and personal property while in the nursing or care home where they reside against physical loss or physical damage covered under this section which happens during the period of insurance.</p> <p>This cover does not apply to money.</p> <p>For the purposes of this cover, 'you/your' means the person named as the insured in your schedule and their spouse or common-law partner residing at your home.</p>
Students' belongings	<p>We will cover the personal possessions of permanent members of your household in full time education against physical loss or physical damage covered under this section which happens during the period of insurance while they are studying away from home.</p>
Tenants' improvements	<p>We will cover:</p>

1. the fixtures and fittings and interior decorations which are fixed to and form part of the structure of **your home** against physical loss or physical damage which happens during the **period of insurance**; and
2. the costs incurred to:
 - a. find and access the point of escape of a domestic heating fuel leak within **your home**; or
 - b. find a water leak from **your** permanent plumbing or heating system,

which happens during the **period of insurance** and is likely to cause damage to the fixtures and fittings and interior decorations described in 1. above. **We** will also pay the cost to make good any damage caused by such work.

This cover applies where **you** do not own or are not responsible for insuring the buildings of **your home**.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We do not cover:

1. loss of or damage caused by:
 - a. wear and tear, rust, rot, fungus or mould, **normal settlement** or anything which happens gradually;
 - b. pollution or contamination, whether this is the direct or indirect cause. However, this does not apply to **What is covered, Additional covers for your home**, Tracing a leak;
 - c. storm or flood to gates, fences, wind turbines, hedges, lawns, plants or trees. This exclusion does not apply to damage:
 - i. caused by falling trees and the cost of removing a fallen tree in order to carry out repairs on such property; or
 - ii. to electric gates attached to brick, concrete or stone pillars;
 - d. freezing of water in fixed water tanks, apparatus and pipes while **your home** is not being lived in for more than 60 days in a row during the months of October through to April. This exclusion does not apply if:
 - i. **your home** is constantly heated to a temperature of at least ten degrees centigrade during these months; or
 - ii. **you** drain down **your** water system and tank;
 - e. **subsidence, heave or landslip**:
 - i. to domestic fixed fuel tanks, swimming pools, terraces, patios, hard tennis courts, driveways, footpaths, walls, gates, hedges, fences or wind turbines, unless the main house is also physically damaged at the same time; or
 - ii. to solid floors unless the load bearing walls are physically damaged at the same time; or
 - f. moths, insects, rats, mice, squirrels, rodents or other vermin and nesting birds.
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| Wear and tear | a. |
| Pollution or contamination | b. |
| Storm or flood | c. |
| Unoccupancy | d. |
| Fixed tanks | e. |
| Solid floors | f. |
| Vermin | g. |



Faulty workmanship or materials	2. latent defects, faulty workmanship or design, or the use of unsuitable or faulty materials.
Mechanical faults	3. mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown.
Erosion	4. loss or damage caused by coastal or river erosion.
Submerged structures	5. damage caused by flood, storm, subsidence , heave or landslip to any normally submerged or partially submerged structure. However, this exclusion does not apply to the main buildings at your home .
Receipt of goods or services	6. loss caused by you not personally receiving goods or services you have paid for.
Transported items	7. loss of or damage to an item being transported unless it is adequately packed and secured well enough, given the nature of the item and how it is transported.
Mechanically propelled vehicles	<p>8. any mechanically propelled vehicle and their parts or accessories, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. golf buggies, motor bikes under 51cc, quad bikes and gators or their electrical equivalent, including those classed as L1E-B or up to 4kw power output; b. electric pedal cycles, e-scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, segways and powered unicycles, mobility scooters and wheelchairs; c. electric vehicle home charging stations; d. electric vehicle portable charging stations, charging cables and adapters which are kept at your home and not in or attached to your vehicle; or e. domestic gardening equipment normally used by you or your domestic employees for the purposes of maintaining your private domestic gardens or grounds. <p>However, we will not in any event cover loss or damage for 8.a. above while being used.</p>
Trailers or horseboxes	9. trailers and non-motorised horseboxes up to 15 feet or 4.5 metres in length while being used on a public road or being towed.
Aircraft	10. aircraft other than a drone .
Watercraft	11. watercraft and their accessories, other than rowing boats and dinghies up to 16 feet or 4.9 metres in length, sail boards and surfboards.
Land, water or animals	12. land, water or animals.
Building business activity use	<p>13. any building or outbuilding and other structures used for any business activity other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. incidental farming; b. work of a clerical and administrative nature; or c. letting the building or outbuilding and other structures.
Personal possession business activity use	<p>14. personal possessions used for any business activity. This exclusion does not apply to any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. laptop, keyboard, computer, monitor or other non-specialist accessories; b. office desks, chairs or non-specialist supplies; or c. cover under What is covered, Additional covers for personal possessions, Business records.
Electronic data	15. electronic data, other than where covered under What is covered, Additional covers for personal possessions , Business records.

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| Maintenance | 16. the cost of maintenance or routine redecoration. |
| Others belongings | 17. any property belonging to visitors or domestic employees insured elsewhere. |
| Unfurnished homes | 18. loss or damage to unfurnished homes , other than by fire, lightning, explosion or aircraft, unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. your home is being let and is temporarily unfurnished between tenancies, for a period of no longer than 60 days; b. your home is newly purchased, currently unfurnished and will be occupied within 60 days of purchase; or c. you have temporarily moved out of your home and will reoccupy it within 60 days. |
| Cyber incidents | 19. damage to, or any loss, cost or expense arising in respect of any item of computer or digital technology which is directly caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a cyber attack or fear or threat of a cyber attack; b. a hacker or fear or threat of a hacker; c. computer or digital technology error; d. social engineering communication; or e. the item's digital connectivity to any other item of computer or digital technology which has been directly affected by a cyber attack or hacker. <p>We will however cover any other damage, loss, cost or expense insured under this section which is caused by the cyber attack, hacker, computer or digital technology error or social engineering communication.</p> |
| Party wall awards | 20. any loss, damage, cost or expense where you have already received an award or compensation in connection with a party wall agreement or under the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 or any similar or successor legislation. We also do not cover the difference between any amount awarded and the amount you believe was due. |
| Ivory | 21. any loss or damage to any items which contain or are made of ivory where it is not permitted to deal in such items, unless they are registered as exempt, or certified as exempt, under the Ivory Act 2018 or any subsequent act or legislation. You must prove to us if any acceptable valid exemption exists and the value before we will pay for any loss or damage. |
| Non-fiat / virtual currency | 22. any loss or damage directly or indirectly arising out of any purchase, use or development of blockchain or any other distributed ledger technology, including but not limited to any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. non-fiat or virtual currency including but not limited to any crypto currency, asset, unit, coin, token or balance that exists only in or predominantly in digital or virtual form; b. currency which is, itself, based on or utilises blockchain or any other distributed ledger technology; c. initial coin offering or any other form of fundraising in respect of any new currency; or d. smart contracts or non-fungible tokens. |
| Probate or divorce disputes | 23. any loss or damage arising from disputes over legal ownership or entitlement to property, including but not limited to matters subject to probate, succession, inheritance, separation or divorce proceedings. |

How much we will pay

Excess	<p>Your schedule will show you the maximum amount we will pay for each agreed claim, along with any limits for any item, pair or set. This amount will be stated as an amount insured.</p> <p>We will not pay the cost of preparing a claim.</p> <p>Your schedule will show you if you are required to pay the first part of each agreed claim. This amount will be stated as an excess. However, we agree to waive your excess for any:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. claim under the cover for Loss or theft of keys or Hole in one; 2. alternative accommodation costs if a local authority or emergency service prohibits you from accessing your home; 3. loss of or damage to the contents of the freezer at your home; or 4. claim which is more than £25,000 and which is not subject to any compulsory excess stated in your schedule. We will reduce this waiver of your excess to £15,000 if your policy has continuously been in force with us for the last three years.
Buildings	<p>We will pay the cost of repairing or reinstating the damaged building and outbuildings or other structures including the required fees, costs and expenses agreed by us, which are reasonably and necessarily incurred in the repair or reinstatement of the damaged building and outbuildings or other structures. We will normally expect you to have repairs carried out, but if you and we agree that it is not reasonable to do this, we will pay you an amount we both consider is fair.</p> <p>We will not pay the cost of complying with any government or local authority requirement if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. you received notice of the requirement before the damage happened; or 2. the building or outbuildings or other structures were not originally built in-line with any government and local authority regulation in force at that time.
Contents	<p>For your contents, we will decide whether to repair or replace the item or pay you the replacement cost. We will not deduct anything for wear and tear.</p>
Tenants' improvements	<p>For tenants' improvements we will decide whether we repair or replace damaged parts.</p>
Specified items of art, collections, jewellery, watches and valuable items	<p>Items, pairs or sets worth more than £50,000 each for your art and collections and more than £25,000 each for jewellery, watches and valuable items must be specified individually. Any items that have not been individually specified will be covered as unspecified items.</p> <p>The most we will pay is the corresponding amount insured for each specified item in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker.</p>
Art and collections	<p>For specified art and collections, if the item is partly damaged, you may decide whether we repair, replace or pay the loss in value of the damaged item.</p>
Jewellery, watches and valuable items	<p>For specified jewellery, watches and valuable items, if the item is partly damaged, we will decide whether we repair, replace or pay the loss in value of the damaged item.</p>
Loss in value	<p>If we repair a damaged specified item, we will also pay for any loss in value. The most we will pay in total for a damaged item and its loss in value is the amount stated for that item in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker.</p>
Destruction	<p>If any specified item is lost or destroyed, we will pay the value stated for that item in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker.</p>

Professional valuation

If:

1. any specified item has had a professional valuation carried out within the last three years; and
2. the values in the specification agreed by **us** and held by **us** or **your** insurance broker reflect this valuation;

we agree to cover these items on an increased value basis.

This means **we** will pay the value of the item at the time of loss even if it is more than the value stated for that item in the specification.

The most **we** will pay for the increase in value is:

1. in respect of each specified item of **art and collections, jewellery, watches and valuable items**, an additional 25% of the value stated for that item in the specification; or
2. £100,000 in total for each incident of loss,

whichever is the lower.

Unspecified items of art, collections jewellery, watches and valuable items

For items that are not specified, **we** will decide whether **we** repair, replace or make a cash settlement for any lost or damaged item. If **we** choose to make a cash settlement, **we** will pay the market value of the item on the date of loss. If **we** repair it, **we** will also pay for any loss in value.

The most **we** will pay for any one unspecified item, pair or set is the corresponding **amount insured**.

The most **we** will pay in total for each incident of loss is the **amount insured** for each category of unspecified items.

Index linking

If **your schedule** shows an **amount insured** for **buildings, contents, art and collections and jewellery, watches and valuable items** **we** will adjust these amounts each month according to an appropriate index. **We** will not increase **your** premium for this during the **period of insurance**. However, **you** must check all **amounts insured** regularly, especially when **you** renew **your policy**, to make sure they reflect the full value of all corresponding items.

Pairs and sets

If any specified or unspecified items which have an increased value because they form part of a pair or set are lost or damaged, any payment **we** make will take account of the increased value.

Full payment

If **we** pay the full value for any specified or unspecified item, pair or set, **we** will then have the right to take possession of it.

Recovered item

If **we** recover any specified or unspecified item after **we** have paid a claim, **we** will write to **you** at **your** correspondence address stated in **your schedule** and **you** can buy it back from **us** within 60 days. **We** will charge **you** the lesser of the:

1. amount **we** paid for the claim; or
2. fair market value of the item at the time **we** recover it.

Drones

You must ensure that:

1. **you** or the person in charge of the **drone** maintain direct, unaided visual contact with it sufficient to monitor its flight path in relation to other aircraft, persons, vehicles, vessels and structures;
2. no item, either with or without a parachute, is dropped from the **drone** so as to endanger persons or property; and
3. **you** or the person in charge of the **drone** only fly it if reasonably satisfied that the flight can



safely be made.

If **you** do not and **we** can demonstrate that the amount of any loss has been increased, **we** will reduce the amount **we** pay by the amount of any detriment caused.

Your legal liabilities

This section covers **you** for **bodily injury** and **property damage** claims made against **you** by others. It does not cover **your** liability arising out of the use or ownership of a motor vehicle.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

If **you** need to make a claim, please refer to 'How to make a claim' within the General terms and conditions.

Special definitions for this section

Bodily injury	Death, or any bodily or mental injury or disease of any person.
Domestic employee	Any person working for you in connection with domestic duties or incidental farming duties who is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. employed by you under a contract of service; or2. self-employed and working on a labour-only basis under your control or supervision.
Drone	Any remotely controlled unmanned aerial vehicle which is not used for commercial purposes and which belongs to you or for which you are legally responsible. <p>We do not include within this definition any unmanned aerial vehicle that exceeds seven kilograms in weight or such other weight stipulated by the Air Navigation Order 2016, or similar or successor legislation, as constituting a small unmanned aircraft.</p>
Home	For the purposes of this section, home has the same meaning given in Your home and personal possessions section.
Incidental farming	Farming, including livery (looking after horses), carried out by you on a part-time basis at the address stated in your schedule , as long as any people you employ for this purpose do not work more than 1,000 hours between them during the period of insurance .
Property damage	Physical loss of or damage to or destruction of tangible property, including the resulting loss of use of such property.
You/your	Also includes all permanent members of your household, including domestic employees who live in your home .

What is covered

Claims against you	<p>We will cover any claim made against you for compensation for which you are legally liable to pay arising from any:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. bodily injury; or2. property damage, <p>occurring during the period of insurance anywhere in the world, provided that if your liability arises as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. owner of your buildings in your home, cover only applies for the specific building where such liability arises and only if that building is insured under this policy at the
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address stated in **your schedule**; or

- b. occupier of **your home**, cover applies only if **your** contents are insured under this **policy** at the address stated in **your schedule**, regardless of whether the buildings at that address are insured with **us**.

We will also cover the costs and expenses **we** agree to in advance to defend the claim.

Additional cover

We will also provide **you** with the following cover up to the corresponding **amount insured**.

Newly acquired land in the United Kingdom

We will cover **your** liability as owner of any land **you** acquire in the **United Kingdom** during the **period of insurance**, for **bodily injury** or **property damage** occurring during the **period of insurance**, provided that:

1. the land has not been acquired for property development, farming activities or any business pursuits;
2. there are no buildings on the acquired land; and
3. **you** notify **us** within 60 days of the acquisition and pay any additional premium **we** require.

We will also cover the costs and expenses **we** agree to in advance to defend the claim.

Unpaid damages

If, within three months, **you** have not received the full amount of any damages and assessed costs awarded to **you** in a personal capacity during the **period of insurance** by any court of law within the **United Kingdom** for **bodily injury** or **property damage**, **we** will pay **you** the amount **you** are owed. **We** will only do this if:

1. the incident giving rise to the **bodily injury** or **property damage** did not occur in the course of any business activity, profession or occupation;
2. **we** would have covered **your** liability if **you** had caused the **bodily injury** or **property damage**; and
3. **you** are not waiting for an appeal on the judgment.

If **you** receive any damages after **we** have paid **you** for them, **you** must return that amount to **us**.

Cyber claims

We will pay for any claim that is otherwise covered under this section, where such claim arises from a cyber attack, hack or other computer or cyber-related incident.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We do not cover:

Limitations in North America

1. **your** liability for any act or incident which happens in the United States of America or Canada if **you** have been in either or both of those countries for more than 90 days in total during the **period of insurance**.

Your own property

2. **your** liability for loss of or damage to property which belongs to **you** or is in **your** or **your** employee's care, other than physical damage to property for which **you** are legally liable to the owner as a tenant.

Contractual liability for premises

3. **your** liability as owner of any premises, which arises under contract or agreement, unless **you** would have been liable in the absence of the contract or agreement.

Rectifying defects

4. **your** liability for the cost of putting right any fault or alleged fault with any building, under the Defective Premises Act 1972 or the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order

	1975, including any similar or successive legislation. However, this does not apply to any liability under What is not covered, Other land or buildings a. ii..
Property owners' liability	<p>5. property owners' liability for any building not insured under this policy, even if contents at that address are insured.</p> <p>6. your liability arising out of:</p>
Other land or buildings	<p>a. owning, occupying, using or possessing any land or building not at the address in your schedule, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. damage to property for which you as tenant are legally liable to the owner; ii. your liability in respect of property previously occupied by you, where liability arises under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or Article 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, or any similar or successor legislation; or iii. any land covered under Additional cover, Newly acquired land in the United Kingdom;
Revenue generating activities	<p>b. revenue generating activities, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. letting your home as a private dwelling, incidental farming and clerical and administrative work you carry out in your home; or ii. as covered under Your home and personal possessions, What is covered, Open garden and charity events;
Communicable disease	<p>c. passing on any communicable disease. However, this does not apply to your liability to any domestic employee;</p>
Mechanically propelled vehicles	<p>d. any mechanically propelled vehicle and their accessories, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. motor bikes under 51cc, quad bikes and gators or their electrical equivalent, including those classed as L1E-B; ii. electric bikes; iii. e-scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, segways and powered unicycles; iv. golf buggies, domestic gardening equipment, mobility scooters and wheelchairs; or v. trailers or non-motorised horseboxes while not being used on a public road or not being towed, <p>provided that such items are being used in accordance with any laws, regulations, and manufacturers guidelines, but not when being used in any race.</p> <p>However, we will not in any event cover any liability for which you are obliged to hold insurance under any compulsory motor insurance laws, rules or regulations.</p>
Racing of vehicles	<p>e. any mechanically propelled vehicle while involved in racing, rallies, trials, pace-making or speed testing in any prearranged or organised event or any track use;</p>
Aircraft	<p>f. any aircraft, other than a drone. However, we do not in any event cover your liability arising out of any drone flown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. in any controlled airspace; ii. within an aerodrome traffic zone;

- iii. at a height of more than 120 metres above the surface; or
 - iv. in any race;
- Watercraft
 - g. any watercraft other than rowing boats, dinghies, sail boards and surfboards;
- Animals
 - h. any animal, other than **incidental farming** livestock, horses, cats or dogs which are not labelled as a 'specially controlled dog' under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or any similar or successor legislation; or
- Contracts
 - i. any contract, unless **you** would have been legally liable if the contract had not existed.

- Pollution or contamination
 - 7. **your** liability from pollution or contamination of air, water or soil, whether this is the direct or indirect cause, unless this was caused by an accident during the **period of insurance** in the country in which **your home** is situated and:
 - a. **you tell us** about the accident as soon as possible but no later than 60 days after the end of the **period of insurance**; and
 - b. **you** prove that the pollution or contamination was caused immediately after the accident by a sudden, unexpected and identifiable release of pollutant or contaminant.

- Business activities
 - 8. **your** liability arising out of:
 - a. the provision of any goods or services; or
 - b. **you** or **your** employees doing anything for or to a third party for a fee.

- Fines and penalties
 - 9. liability for fines or penalties, or for damages intended to punish or make an example of **you**.

- Property insurance
 - 10. **your** liability arising out of property **you** own or are legally responsible for, unless **you** have property insurance in force with **us** covering **your** property.

- Damage to party walls from building works
 - 11. **your** liability arising out of loss of or damage to any party wall, including where arising under the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 or any similar or successor legislation, where such loss or damage is directly or indirectly caused by any building works carried out at **your** property.

- Non-negligent liability
 - 12. **your** liability arising out of loss of or damage to property where negligence by the contractor or any sub-contractor cannot be established. However, this does not apply to **your** Renovation and extension cover for Non-negligent liability, where stated as covered on **your schedule**.

- Exclusions if you have employees**
 - If **you** have employees, the following extra exclusions apply to **your** liability to them:
 - We** do not cover:
 - 1. **your** liability arising out of:
 - a. work **your** employees do for **you**, other than:
 - i. clerical and administrative work **you** carry out in **your home**;

- ii. domestic duties relating to **your home**, gardens or **you**, provided this does not include any form of treatment, therapy, or nursing or medical care which ordinarily requires professional qualifications or medical training; or
 - iii. **incidental farming** duties;
 - b. work **your** employees do in the United States of America or Canada after they have been in either or both countries for 90 days in total during the **period of insurance**; or
 - c. **bodily injury** which is, or should be, payable by reason of any workman's compensation scheme, social security scheme or similar insurance scheme arising in connection with or due to employment; or
2. amounts **you** legally have to pay after a judgment or award from courts outside the **European Union**, the **United Kingdom** or Gibraltar. This also applies to the enforcement of such awards in courts in the **European Union**, the **United Kingdom** or Gibraltar.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the corresponding **amount insured** for each actual or threatened claim.

Costs and expenses

In addition to the **amount insured**, **we** will pay the costs and expenses **we** agree to in advance to defend a covered claim.

If a payment greater than the **amount insured** has to be paid for a covered claim, the amount **we** will pay for costs and expenses will be limited to the proportion the **amount insured** bears to the amount paid in respect of the claim.

Claims arising from the same incident

The most **we** will pay for any one act, incident, claim or unrecovered court award is the **amount insured**.

All claims and losses which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing act, incident or event will be regarded as one claim, however many of **you** may be legally liable and regardless of the number of claims actually made.

Special limits

The most **we** will pay for claims arising from each of the following is the corresponding **amount insured**:

Drones

1. the use, possession or ownership of any **drone**;

Employees

2. **bodily injury** to any employee of **yours**;

Defective Premises Act

3. **your** liability under any defective premises legislation;

Pollution or contamination

4. pollution or contamination; and

Mechanically propelled vehicles

5. motorbikes under 51cc, quad bikes and gators or their electrical equivalent, including those classed as L1E-B, electric pedal cycles, e-scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, segways and powered unicycles, golf buggies, domestic gardening equipment, mobility scooters or wheelchairs or trailers or non-motorised horseboxes while not being used on a public road or not being towed.

Your obligations

Drones

You must ensure that:



1. the person in charge of any **drone** maintains direct, unaided visual contact with it sufficient to monitor its flight path in relation to other aircraft, persons, vehicles, vessels and structures;
2. no item, either with or without a parachute, is dropped from any **drone** so as to endanger persons or property; and
3. the person in charge of any **drone** only flies it if reasonably satisfied that the flight can safely be made.

If **you** do not, **we** will not make any payment for any claim arising directly or indirectly due to the use of any **drone** if **we** can establish that **your** failure to comply with the obligations caused or contributed to the event giving rise to the claim.

Family legal protection

You are automatically covered by this section.

The General terms and conditions, except for 'How to make a claim', and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. What to do when **you** have a claim under this section is set out below.

To make sure **you** get the most from **your** cover, it will help if **you** keep the following points in mind:

How we can help	You can phone our UK-based call centre at any time on the telephone number stated in your schedule to receive legal advice or to make a claim under this section. To help us check and improve our service standards, we may record all calls. We will ask you about your legal dispute and if necessary call you back at an agreed time to give you legal advice. If your dispute needs to be dealt with as a claim under this section, we will provide you with a claim reference number. At this point we will not be able to confirm that you are covered but we will pass the information you have given us to our claims handling teams, and explain what to do next.
ARAG Householdlaw	You have access to legal guides, document builders and more. Whether you want to challenge an employment decision, apply for flexible working rights, contend a parking ticket or create a will, ARAG Householdlaw can help. Visit www.araghouseholdlaw.co.uk and use the voucher code detailed in your schedule to sign up.
When we cannot help	Please do not ask for help from a solicitor or accountant before we have agreed. If you do, we will not pay the costs involved.

Special definitions for this section

The following extra definitions apply to this whole of this section and are in addition to any other definitions stated in the General terms and conditions and Your home and personal possessions sections of **your** **policy**.

Appointed representative

The **preferred law firm**, law firm, accountant or other suitably qualified person **we** will appoint to act on **your** behalf.

Costs and expenses

- All reasonable and necessary costs chargeable by the **appointed representative** and agreed by **us** in accordance with **our standard terms of appointment**.
- The costs incurred by opponents in civil cases if **you** have been ordered to pay them, or **you** pay them with **our** agreement.

Date of occurrence

- For civil cases (except under insured incident 6 – tax protection), the date of occurrence is the date of the event which may lead to a claim. If there is more than one event arising at different times from the same originating cause, the date of occurrence is the date of the first of these events. (This is the date the event happened, which may be before the date **you** first became aware of it).
- For criminal cases, the date of occurrence is when **you** began or are alleged to have begun to break the criminal law in question.
- For insured incident 6 – tax protection, the date of occurrence is when HM Revenue & Customs first notifies **you** in writing of its intention to make enquiries.

Preferred law firm

A law firm or barristers' chambers **we** choose to provide legal services. These legal specialists are chosen as they have the proven expertise to deal with **your** claim and must comply with **our** agreed service standard levels, which **we** audit regularly. They are appointed according to the **standard terms of appointment**.

Reasonable prospects

For civil cases, the prospects that **you** will recover losses or damages (or obtain any other legal remedy that **we** have agreed to, including an enforcement of judgment), make a successful

defence or make a successful appeal or defence of an appeal, must be at least 51%. **We**, or a **preferred law firm** on **our** behalf, will assess whether there are **reasonable prospects**.

Secondary home

Private dwellings and/or private land in the **United Kingdom** which is owned by **you**.

Standard terms of appointment

The terms and conditions (including the amount **we** will pay to an **appointed representative**) that apply to the relevant type of claim, which could include a conditional fee agreement (no win, no fee).

Territorial limit

- a. For insured incident 3 – bodily injury: anywhere in the world.
- b. For insured incident 2 – contract disputes (excluding 2.2): The **United Kingdom**, the **European Union**, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.
- c. For all other insured incidents: the **United Kingdom**.

You/your

- a. The insured named on **your schedule** (the policyholder).
- b. **We** will also cover any member of the policyholder's family who always lives with the policyholder, on the same basis that the policyholder would be entitled to cover under this section. This includes:
 - i. unmarried partners of the family members; and
 - ii. **domestic employees** who live in **your home**; and
 - iii. students temporarily living away from **your home**.

Anyone included within (b) above who is claiming under this section of **your policy** must have the policyholder's agreement to claim.

Extra conditions

1. **You** must:
 - a. keep to the terms and conditions of **your policy**;
 - b. try to prevent anything happening that may cause a claim;
 - c. take reasonable steps to avoid incurring unnecessary costs;
 - d. send everything **we** ask for, in writing; and
 - e. give **us** full and factual details of any claim as soon as possible and give **us** any information **we** need.
2.
 - a. On receiving a claim, if legal representation is necessary, **we** will appoint a **preferred law firm** as **your appointed representative** to deal with **your** claim. They will try to settle **your** claim by negotiation without having to go to court.
 - b. If the appointed **preferred law firm** cannot negotiate settlement of **your** claim and it is necessary to go to court and legal proceedings are issued or there is a conflict of interest, then **you** may choose a law firm to act as the **appointed representative**.
 - c. If **you** choose a law firm as **your appointed representative** who is not a **preferred law firm**, **we** will give **your** choice of law firm the opportunity to act on the same terms as a **preferred law firm**. However if they refuse to act on this basis, the most **we** will pay is the amount **we** would have paid if they had agreed to **our standard terms of appointment**.
 - d. The **appointed representative** must co-operate with **us** at all times and must keep **us** up-to-date with the progress of the claim.

- e. **You** must give the **appointed representative** any instructions that **we** ask **you** to.
- f. **You** must co-operate fully with **us** and the **appointed representative**.
3.
 - a. **You** must tell **us** if anyone offers to settle a claim. **You** must not negotiate or agree to a settlement without **our** written consent.
 - b. If **you** do not accept a reasonable offer to settle a claim, **we** may refuse to pay any further **costs and expenses**.
 - c. **We** may decide to pay **you** the reasonable value of **your** claim, instead of starting or continuing legal action. In these circumstances **you** must allow **us** to take over and pursue or settle any claim in **your** name. **You** must also allow **us** to pursue at **our** own benefit, any claim for compensation against any other person and **you** must give **us** all the information and help **we** need to do so.
4. **You** must:
 - a. instruct the **appointed representative** to have **costs and expenses** taxed, assessed or audited, if **we** ask for this; and
 - b. take every step to recover **costs and expenses** and court attendance and jury service expenses, that **we** have to pay and must pay to **us** all such costs or expenses that are recovered.
5. If an **appointed representative** refuses to continue acting for **you** with good reason or if **you** dismiss an **appointed representative** without good reason, the cover **we** provide will end immediately, unless **we** agree to appoint another **appointed representative**.
6. If **you** settle a claim or withdraw it without **our** agreement, or do not give suitable instructions to the **appointed representative**, **we** can withdraw cover and **we** will be entitled to reclaim from **you** any **costs and expenses** paid by **us**.
7. If there is a disagreement between **you** and **us** about the handling of a claim and it is not resolved through **our** internal complaints procedure, the Financial Ombudsman Service may be able to help. This is a free arbitration service for eligible complaints. Details available from www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk. If **your** dispute is not covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service there is a separate arbitration process available. The arbitrator will be a jointly agreed barrister, solicitor or other suitably qualified person. If there is a disagreement over the choice of arbitrator, **we** will ask the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to decide. The arbitrator will decide who will pay the costs of the arbitration. For example, costs may be split between the parties or one party may pay all the costs.
8. **We** may require **you** to get, at **your** own expense, an opinion from an expert that **we** consider appropriate, on the merits of the claim or proceedings, or on a legal principle. The expert must be approved in advance by **us** and the cost agreed in writing between **you** and **us**. Subject to this, **we** will pay the cost of getting the opinion if the expert's opinion indicates that it is more likely than not that **you** will recover damages, obtain any other legal remedy that **we** have agreed to or make a successful defence.
9. If any claim covered under this section of **your policy** is also covered by another policy, or would have been covered if **your policy** did not exist, **we** will only pay **our** share of the claim even if the other insurer refuses the claim.

What is covered

1. **We** agree to provide **you** with the insurance in this section, as long as:
 - a. the premium has been paid;
 - b. the **date of occurrence** of the insured incident is during the **period of insurance** and the insured incident happens within the **territorial limit**;

- c. any legal proceedings, or any other proceedings to resolve the insured incident will be dealt with by a court, or other body which **we** agree to, within the **territorial limit**; and
- d. **reasonable prospects** exist for the duration of the claim.

How much we will pay

We will pay an **appointed representative**, on **your** behalf, **costs and expenses** incurred following an insured incident, provided that:

1. the most **we** will pay for all claims resulting from one or more event arising at the same time or from the same originating cause is the corresponding **amount insured**;
2. the most **we** will pay in **costs and expenses** is no more than the amount **we** would have paid to a **preferred law firm**;
3. in respect of an appeal or the defence of an appeal, **you** must tell **us** within the time limits allowed that **you** want to appeal. Before **we** pay the **costs and expenses** for appeals, **we** must agree that **reasonable prospects** exist;
4. for an enforcement of judgment to recover money and interest due to **you** after a successful claim under this section of **your policy**, **we** must agree that **reasonable prospects** exist; and
5. where an award of damages is the only legal remedy to a dispute and the cost of pursuing legal action is likely to be more than any award of damages, the most **we** will pay in **costs and expenses** is the value of the likely award.

What we will not pay

In the event of a claim, if **you** decide not to use the services of a **preferred law firm**, **you** will be responsible for any costs that fall outside **our standard terms of appointment** and these will not be paid by **us**.

The first £250 of any claim for legal nuisance or trespass. If **you** are using a **preferred law firm**, **you** will be asked to pay this within 21 days of **your** claim having been assessed as having **reasonable prospects**. If **you** are using **your** own law firm, this will be within 21 days of their appointment (following confirmation **your** claim has **reasonable prospects**). If **you** do not pay this amount the cover for **your** claim could be withdrawn.

Insured incidents we will cover

Insured incident 1 –
employment disputes

We will pay **costs and expenses** for **your** legal rights:

1. in a dispute relating to **your** employment where **you** are an employee, worker or office holder;
2. following a dispute relating to or arising from the contract of employment between **you** and **domestic employees**, ex **domestic employees** or prospective **domestic employees**;
3. against **domestic employees** or ex **domestic employees** to recover possession of premises **you** own or are responsible for.

We will not pay for any claim relating to the following:

1. disciplinary hearings or internal grievance procedures;
2. any claim relating solely to bodily injury (please refer to insured incident 3 bodily injury).

Insured incident 2 –
contract disputes

We will pay costs and expenses for your legal rights:

1. in a contractual dispute arising from an agreement or an alleged agreement which **you** have entered into in a personal capacity for:
 - a. buying or hiring in goods or services; or
 - b. selling goods;
2. in a contractual dispute or for misrepresentation arising from an agreement or alleged agreement which **you** have entered into in a personal capacity for the buying or selling of **your home** and/or **secondary home**;
3. for renting **your principal home** as a tenant.

We will not pay for any claim relating to the following:

1. a lease, licence or tenancy of land or buildings or the sale or purchase of land or buildings (other than disputes arising from **you** buying or selling **your principal home** or **your secondary home** or **you** renting **your principal home** as a tenant). However, **we** do cover a dispute with a professional adviser in connection with these matters;
2. a dispute arising from any loan, mortgage, pension, investment or borrowing. However, **we** will cover a dispute with a professional adviser in connection with these matters;
3. a dispute relating to an insurance policy, other than when **your** insurer refuses **your** claim.

Insured incident 3 –
bodily injury

We will pay costs and expenses for your legal rights following a specific or sudden accident that causes your death or bodily injury to you.

Please note that **we** will not defend **your** legal rights but **we** will cover defending a counter-claim.

We will not pay for any claim relating to the following:

1. any illness or bodily injury which happens gradually.
2. clinical negligence (please refer to insured incident 4 clinical negligence).

Insured incident 4 –
clinical negligence

We will pay costs and expenses for your legal rights where it is alleged that accidental death or bodily injury to you has resulted from a single negligent act of surgery, clinical or medical procedure.

We will not pay for any claim relating to the alleged failure to correctly diagnose your condition.

Insured incident 5 –
property protection

We will pay costs and expenses for your legal rights in a civil dispute relating to material property you own (including your home and secondary home), or material property you are responsible for, following:

1. any event which causes or could cause physical damage to such material property, provided that the amount in dispute is more than £100;

Please note we will not defend your legal rights but we will cover defending a counter-claim.

2. any legal nuisance (meaning any unlawful interference with your use or enjoyment of your home or secondary home, or some right over, or in connection with it); or
3. trespass.

Please note you must have, or there must be reasonable prospects of establishing you have, the legal ownership or right to the land or material property that are the subject of the dispute.

We will not pay for:

1. any claim relating to the following:
 - a. a contract entered into by **you**;
 - b. any building or land other than **your home** and **secondary home**;
 - c. someone legally taking **your home** and/or **secondary home** or material property from **you**, whether **you** are offered money or not, or restrictions or controls placed on **your home** and/or **secondary home** or material property by any government or public;
 - d. work done by any government or public or local authority unless the claim is for accidental physical damage;
 - e. **subsidence** caused by mining.
2. The first £250 of any claim for legal nuisance or trespass. If **you** are using a **preferred law firm**, **you** will be asked to pay this within 21 days of **your** claim having been assessed as having **reasonable prospects**. If **you** are using **your** own law firm, this will be within 21 days of their appointment (following confirmation **your** claim has **reasonable prospects**). If **you** do not pay this amount the cover for **your** claim could be withdrawn.

Insured incident 6 –
tax protection

We will pay **costs and expenses** for a comprehensive examination by HM Revenue & Customs that considers all areas of **your** self-assessment tax return, but not enquiries limited to one or more specific area.

We will not pay for:

1. any claim if **you** are self-employed, a sole-trader, or in a business partnership.
2. any investigation or enquiries by HM Revenue & Customs Specialist Investigations or the HM Revenue & Customs Prosecution Office.

Insured incident 7 –
legal defence

We will pay **costs and expenses** to defend **your** legal rights:

1. if an event arising from **your** work as an employee leads to:
 - a. **you** being prosecuted in a court of criminal jurisdiction;
 - b. civil action being taken against **you** under any discrimination legislation; or
 - c. civil action being taken against **you** under data protection legislation.
2. if an event leads to **your** prosecution for an offence connected with the use or driving of a motor vehicle.

We will not pay for any claim:

1. relating to parking offences.
2. relating to the driving of a motor vehicle by **you** for which **you** do not have valid motor insurance.
3. resulting from hacking (unauthorised access) or other type of cyber-attack affecting stored personal data.

Insured incident 8 –
jury service and
court attendance

We will cover **your** absence from work:

1. to attend any court or tribunal at the request of the **appointed representative**.
2. to perform jury service.

The maximum **we** will pay is **your** net salary or wages for the time that **you** are absent from work less any amount the court gives **you**.

Insured incident 9 –
education admissions
appeals

We will not pay any claim if you are unable to prove your loss.

We will pay costs and expenses:

1. in an appeal against a refusal to admit **your** child to their chosen educational establishment;
2. in a dispute arising from the temporary exclusion or permanent expulsion of **your** child from their educational establishment.

Insured incident 10 –
planning application
refusal appeals

We will pay costs and expenses to appeal the refusal of the Local Planning Authority to grant planning permission following **your** request for planning approval.

We will not pay any claim unless you;

1. have taken all reasonable steps to ensure planning permission is granted, including consulting with the Local Authority prior to submitting **your** application; and
2. have exhausted every alternative option to secure planning approval prior to launching a planning application appeal.

We will not pay for any planning applications you make which are not for land already owned by you at the address stated in your schedule.

Insured incident 11 –
landlord disputes

We will pay costs and expenses for your legal rights to:

1. obtain possession of **your secondary home** used for residential purposes only, let under:
 - a. an assured shorthold tenancy or assured tenancy under the Housing Act 1988;
 - b. a standard contract under the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016;
 - c. an assured tenancy or short assured tenancy under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988;
 - d. a private residential tenancy under the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016;
 - e. a Company Residential tenancy (company let) created after 28 February 1997 where the tenant is a Private Limited Company (Ltd), a Public Limited Company (Plc) or a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP);
 - f. a private residential tenancy to which the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 applies; or
 - g. an agreement where **you** have let a room or rooms in **your secondary home** to a lodger for residential purposes and **you** live in the **secondary home** as the landlord along with the person **you** have let the room or rooms to; or
 - h. any equivalent or future amending legislation applying to this section,provided that:
 - i. **you** must give the tenant the correct notices telling them that **you** want possession of **your secondary home**; and
 - ii. all posted pre-agent notices and pre-proceeding notices must be sent by recorded delivery post.
2. pursue a civil dispute relating to **your secondary home** you have let following any event which causes physical damage to such property.

Please note that the amount in dispute must be more than £1,000.

3. recover rent owed by **your** tenant for secondary **home** if it has been overdue for at least one calendar month, provided that:
 - a. if **you** accept payment (or part payment) of rent arrears from the tenant of **your** secondary **home**, **you** must be able to provide proof that **you** have warned the tenant that it does not prevent **you** taking further action against them under this policy.
 - b. where the tenant is a limited company, **you** must first seek advice from the **appointed representative** before accepting payment of rent arrears.

We will not pay for:

1. any disagreement with **your** tenant when the **date of occurrence** is within the first 90 days of the first **period of insurance** and the tenancy agreement started before the start of this **policy**, unless an equivalent legal expenses policy was in force prior to **you** insuring with **us** and cover has been maintained continuously between that previous policy ending and this **policy** starting.
2. any claim related to registering rents, reviewing rents, rent control, buying the freehold of **your secondary home** or any matter that relates to rent tribunals, rates tribunals, land tribunals, rent assessment committees and rent officers.

What is not covered We do not cover the following:

1. any incident or matter arising before the start of this **policy**.
2. any **costs and expenses** incurred before **our** written acceptance of a claim.
3. fines, penalties, compensation or damages which **you** are ordered to pay by a court or other authority.
4. any incident intentionally brought about by **you**.
5. any claim relating to written or verbal remarks which damage **your** reputation.
6. a dispute with **us** not otherwise dealt with under extra condition 7. above.
7. **costs and expenses** arising from or relating to judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry.
8. any legal action **you** take which **we** or the **appointed representative** have not agreed to, or where **you** do anything that hinders **us** or the **appointed representative**.
9. any claim caused by, contributed to, by or arising from pressure waves caused by aircraft or any other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.
10. any claim where **you** are not represented by a law firm, barrister or tax expert.
11. a claim where **you** have failed to notify **us** of the insured incident within a reasonable time of it happening and where this failure adversely affects the **reasonable prospects** of a claim or **we** consider **our** position has been prejudiced.

Home emergency

This home emergency section of **your policy** gives **you** 24-hour assistance in **your home** which is located within the **United Kingdom** if **you** suffer one of the incidents described in the insured events section below. **Your schedule** will indicate if **your policy** includes this home emergency section.

The General terms and conditions, except for 'How to make a claim', and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. If **you** need to make a claim, please refer to 'How we can help' below.

To make sure **you** get the most from **your** cover, please take time to read this section which explains when **we** can help and when **we** can't.

How we can help

Once **you've** checked that **your** emergency is an insured event as described below, it's important that **you** tell **us** about it as soon as **you** can. Please call the home emergency phone number in **your schedule**. If **we** accept **your** claim, **we** will arrange and pay for a contractor to resolve the insured event taking into account what would be fair and reasonable in the circumstances. **We** will either:

1. carry out a temporary repair (or a permanent repair if this is no more expensive); or
2. take other action, such as isolating a leaking component or gaining access to **your home**.

At all times **we** will decide the best way of providing help.

When **you** phone **us** **we** will ask **you** to confirm:

1. **your** name and **your home** address including postcode; and
2. the nature of the problem.

Our phone lines are open 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year. To help **us** check and improve **our** service standards, **we** may record all calls.

We ask that **you** don't arrange for a contractor yourself because **we** won't pay for this or for any work that **we** haven't agreed to in advance. Also, please make sure there is someone aged 18 or over at **home** when **our** contractor arrives.

When we cannot help

We will always try to get to **you** as soon as possible but sometimes it may take **us** longer than **we** would like because the weather is bad, **you** are in a remote location or parts needed to complete the repair are unavailable.

If providing help would put **our** contractors in danger, for example carrying out roof repairs in high winds or repairing damp electrics, **we** will wait until the conditions have improved before sending someone out.

Special definitions for this section

The following extra definitions apply to the whole of this section and are in addition to any other definitions stated in the General terms and conditions and Your home and personal possessions sections of **your policy**.

Emergency assistance

The amount stated in **your schedule** for the call-out charge, labour costs, parts and materials for each insured event.

This does not include any amount payable in respect of **hotel accommodation**, replacement boiler costs and temporary heaters.



Hotel accommodation	The amount stated in your schedule for the cost of hotel accommodation for you , including transportation, if your home remains uninhabitable following an insured event.
Main heating system	The main hot-water or central-heating system in your home which must be gas, oil or electric fired. This includes pipes that connect components of the system, but does not include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. cold-water supply or drainage pipes;2. non-domestic heating or non-domestic hot water systems; or3. any form of alternative heating system, such as solar heating, biomass, or heat pump (ground source heat pump or air source heat pump).
Plumbing and drainage	The cold-water supply and drainage system in the boundary of your home and for which you are legally responsible.
Vermin	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. wasps' or hornets' nests;2. rats;3. mice;4. grey squirrels;5. flies;6. cockroaches; or7. ants.
You/your	The person(s) named in your schedule and all permanent members of that person's household including domestic employees who live in the home .

Extra conditions	<p>If any cost covered under this section is also covered by any maintenance contract, we will not pay more than our fair share (rateable proportion) of the claim.</p> <p>This section is not a maintenance contract. It does not cover the cost of day-to-day maintenance for which you are responsible.</p> <p>We will attempt to provide replacement parts where necessary, but cannot be held responsible if these are delayed or unavailable.</p> <p>We will make every effort to provide the services described in this section at all times, but we will not be responsible for any liability arising from our inability to provide assistance as a result of circumstances beyond our control.</p> <p>If you would like to arrange a central-heating boiler service at your expense, please contact us on the 24-hour home emergency line and advise the operator of your requirements, making it clear you are not making a claim under your policy for an emergency.</p> <p>All permanent repairs are guaranteed for 12 months.</p> <p>You must maintain your home in a reasonable condition, carry out any inspections or services of fittings in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and complete any necessary maintenance to the structure of your home.</p>
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What is covered	<p>We agree to cover the costs of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. emergency assistance following an insured event described below; and
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2. **hotel accommodation** if **your home** remains uninhabitable overnight following an insured event described below;

provided that:

1. such insured event is sudden, unexpected and requires immediate corrective action to:
 - a. prevent damage or further damage to **your home**;
 - b. make **your home** secure; or
 - c. reduce risk to health or difficulty to an insured person;
2. such insured event happens during the **period of insurance**.

A gradually occurring event is not considered an emergency as it is not sudden or unexpected.

If **we** are unable to cover **your** claim, **we** will try (if **you** wish) to arrange assistance at **your** expense. The terms of such assistance are a matter for **you** and the supplier.

For situations that could result in serious risk to **you** or substantial damage to **your home you** should immediately contact the fire, ambulance or police service.

If **you** think there is a gas leak, **you** should contact the National Gas Emergency Service on **0800 111 999**.

If there is an emergency relating to another service such as the mains water or electricity supply, **you** should contact **your** supplier.

Insured events

Roof damage	Any physical damage to the roof of your home where internal physical damage has been caused or is likely.
Plumbing and drainage	Physical damage to, or blockage, breakage or leaking of, the plumbing and drainage . We do not cover pipes for which your water supply or sewerage company are responsible.
Heating failure	The failure of the main heating system in your home . We do not cover you where the heating and/or hot water is still fully or partially working in key living rooms in your home .
Power supply failure	The failure of the domestic electricity or gas supply, in the boundaries of your home . We do not cover you where the electricity and/or gas supply is still fully or partially working in key living rooms in your home . We do not cover the failure of the mains supply.
Toilet unit	Impact damage to, or mechanical failure of, a toilet bowl or cistern that results in the complete loss of function of the only toilet, or toilets in your home . We do not cover you if you have another toilet in your home that is working.
Home security	The failure of or physical damage to external doors, windows or locks resulting in your home becoming insecure.
Keys	The only available set of keys to your home is lost, stolen or damaged and you can't replace them, or can't gain normal access to your home .



Vermin

An infestation by **vermin** in **your home** which prevents the use of the loft or one or more rooms in **your home**.

We do not cover the removal or control of bees' nests.

How much we will pay

Contractors expenses

We will arrange and pay, up to the **emergency assistance** limit stated in **your schedule**, for a contractor to take action for each insured event.

Hotel accommodation

We will pay up to £450 (including VAT), including transport costs, if **your home** remains uninhabitable overnight following an insured event. **You** must send **us** all relevant invoice(s) before **we** will reimburse **you**. The decision on whether **your home** is uninhabitable will take into account whether it would be fair and reasonable for **you** to remain in **your home**.

Contribution for replacement boiler

If the total estimated cost of **our** contractors' labour and replacement parts required to repair **your** boiler exceeds the **emergency assistance** limit stated in **your schedule**, or if the parts are not available, **we** will not repair **your** boiler, but **we** will pay a £250 (including VAT) contribution towards the cost of a replacement boiler.

Temporary heaters

In the event of a claim under **Insured events**, Heating failure above, **we** may offer temporary heaters up to £150 (including VAT).

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We do not cover:

Unoccupied homes

The costs of an incident that happens when **your home** has been left unoccupied for 60 or more consecutive days.

Costs we haven't agreed

The costs incurred by **you** before **we** have accepted a claim.

Home maintenance

The costs of normal day-to-day **home** maintenance that **you** should carry out or pay for, such as servicing of heating and hot water systems.

Communal areas

The costs of an event that would require **us** to undertake repairs or any other remedial action to:

1. shared or communal areas of a property; or
2. any shared fixtures and fittings, facilities or services outside the legal boundary of **your home**.

Nobody at home

The costs incurred where **our** contractor has attended at an agreed time, but nobody aged 18 or over was at **your home**.

Replacement appliances

The costs, or any contribution towards the costs, of replacing a storage heater or any other heating or domestic appliance. This does not apply to replacement boiler costs.

Repair is uneconomical

The costs of any repair to a boiler, storage heater or any other heating or domestic appliance that is more than the cost of replacing it.



Failure to carry out previously recommended repairs	The costs of an incident which happens because you failed to carry out work or repairs that you were advised to undertake which would've meant the incident didn't happen.
Risk to health and safety	The costs of an incident that cannot be resolved safely by our contractor (or which requires specialist assistance) because there are dangerous substances or materials (such as asbestos) or where conditions make attempting a repair dangerous.
Incorrect installation or repairs	The costs of an incident resulting from a design fault or the incorrect installation, repair, modification or maintenance of equipment or facilities.
Damage caused during repairs	Damage caused by gaining access to carry out repairs. Please be aware under your Home and personal possessions section of your policy there is Tracing a leak cover which may be able to assist you . Please check your schedule for details on how to make a claim.
Main supplies	The costs of an event relating to the interruption, failure or disconnection of the mains electricity, mains gas or mains water supply, or your failure to buy or provide enough gas, electricity or other fuel.
Connected homes	The failure of, or other issues with the working of, connected home devices, for example where you cannot turn heating or lighting on because of a network outage.
Excluded property amenities and facilities	An event: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. arising from the malfunction or blockage of septic tanks, cess pits or fuel tanks; or2. relating to underfloor heating, or hot tubs.
Subsidence, landslip and heave	The costs of an event arising from subsidence, landslip or heave.
Cyber	The costs of an event caused by, contributed to by, or arising from a cyber attack .
Indirect losses	Any losses that are not directly covered by this section of your policy e.g. time taken off work or replacement carpet damaged by a blockage or failure of systems.

Family protection

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

If **you** need to make a claim, please refer to 'How to make a claim' within the General terms and conditions.

If **you** are the victim of a **kidnap**, please also refer to 'Your obligations' stated below.

Special definitions for this section

Additional costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Your wasted travel and accommodation costs during the period of the kidnap.2. Costs of medical expenses incurred as a direct result of a kidnap.3. A reward agreed by us which you pay to an informant for information which leads to the resolution of a kidnap.4. Reasonable rest and rehabilitation expenses you, as the victim of a kidnap, or your family incur following your return.5. Funeral expenses or the cost of transporting your remains to your home if you die as a direct result of your kidnap.
Air rage	A violent and unprovoked physical attack against you during the period of insurance by a person unknown to you while you are occupying an aircraft as a passenger.
Control Risks	Crisis management consultants recommended by us .
Disablement	Physical injury suffered during the period of insurance which results in the permanent and total loss of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. sight in an eye;2. hearing;3. use of a complete arm, hand, foot or leg; or4. speech; within 12 calendar months of such physical injury.
Domestic employee	Any person working for you in connection with domestic duties or incidental farming duties who is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. employed by you under a contract of service; or2. self-employed and working on a labour-only basis under your control or supervision.
Hijack	The unlawful seizure of, or wrongful taking control of, an aircraft, ship or train in which you are travelling.
Incidental farming	Farming, including livery (looking after horses), carried out by you on a part-time basis at the address stated in your schedule , as long as any people you employ for this purpose do not work more than 1,000 hours between them during the period of insurance .
Identity fraud	An individual person or a group of people knowingly using a means of identification belonging to you without your knowledge or authorisation and with the intention of committing or helping someone else to commit an illegal act.



Kidnap	The illegal taking and holding captive of you by people who then demand a ransom as a condition of your release.
Medical expenses	<p>The costs incurred for medical, surgical or other remedial attention or treatment given or prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and all hospital, nursing home and ambulance charges. This includes dental expenses incurred in an emergency for immediate pain relief.</p> <p>We do not include within this definition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. any costs incurred more than 12 months after the date you were first injured or first became ill; or2. the costs of any psychiatric services.
Ransom	Cash or marketable goods or services surrendered or to be surrendered by you or on your behalf to meet a kidnap demand.
Road rage	A violent and unprovoked physical attack against you or your chauffeur while you or your chauffeur are using a car or a motor vehicle which is owned, rented or used by you on a regular basis.
Stalking threat	Any act committed during the period of insurance by any person with the intent to damage property owned by you or to harass, injure or harm you . The person committing the act must be the subject of a court order or injunction issued to protect you .
You/your	The person named as the insured in your schedule and all permanent members of that person's household, including domestic employees who live in the home.

What is covered

Aggravated assault	<p>We will cover you against death or disablement if, during the period of insurance, you are physically injured as a result of the use of force, violence or intimidation by a person who has stolen or attempted to steal any possession from you while you are away from your home.</p> <p>We will also cover the following costs or expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred as a direct result of such physical injury:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. medical expenses; and2. any salary you do not receive due to your absence from work during the first 60 days from the date of your injury.
Aggravated burglary	<p>We will cover you against any death or disablement that occurs as a result of the use of force, violence or intimidation by a person who illegally enters your home or temporary place of residence during the period of insurance.</p> <p>We will also cover you for the following costs or expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred as a direct result of the physical injuries you sustain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. medical expenses;2. psychiatric services which are prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and incurred within 12 months of the date of injury;3. any salary you do not receive due to your absence from work during the first 60 days from the date of your injury;4. the costs that you have to pay to temporarily relocate away from your home;5. the costs to improve your physical home security;6. the cost of security consultancy and professional security guard services; and

7. the costs that **you** have to pay, excluding stamp duty, if **you** permanently relocate away from the home at which an incident of loss occurred. **We** will only pay **your** permanent relocation expenses if **you** relocate within six months of the illegal entry to **your** home and if **your** home was not for sale prior to the incident.

Air rage or hijack

We will cover **you** for the following costs or expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred if **you** are the victim of a **hijack** or an **air rage** incident during the **period of insurance**:

1. **medical expenses**;
2. psychiatric services which are prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and incurred within 12 months of the date of the **hijack** or **air rage** incident.
3. travel and accommodation expenses for one family member to be located closer to the hospital where **you** are receiving care or treatment.

Car-jacking

If **you** suffer a physical injury during the **period of insurance** as a result of the use of force, violence or intimidation during the theft or attempted theft of the motor vehicle, or property within the motor vehicle, in which **you** are travelling **we** will cover **you**:

1. for psychiatric services which are reasonably and necessarily prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and incurred within 12 months of the date of injury; and
2. against death or **disablement** occurring within 12 months of the date of such injury.

Identity fraud

We will cover **you** for the following reasonable and necessary expenses **you** have to pay solely as a direct result of an **identity fraud**:

1. solicitor's fees to defend a claim against **you** by financial institutions, remove incorrect judgments, challenge a consumer credit rating or witness **your** signature;
2. the cost of sending letters by certified post and making telephone calls to the police, financial institutions and credit agencies;
3. fees charged when **you** re-apply for a loan that was originally rejected; and
4. **your** lost earnings because **you** have to take time off work to talk to the police, financial institutions or credit agencies.

Kidnap and ransom

If **you** are the victim of a **kidnap** during the **period of insurance** **we** will cover **you** against the following:

1. a **ransom** which has been surrendered. If the **ransom** involves marketable goods or services, **we** will pay the actual cash value at the time of their surrender;
2. the fees and expenses of **Control Risks** for a maximum period of 30 days; and
3. **additional costs**.

Road rage

We will cover **you** against the following costs or expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred if **you** or **your** chauffeur are the victim of a **road rage** incident during the **period of insurance**:

1. **medical expenses**;
2. psychiatric services which are prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and incurred within 12 months of the date of the **road rage** incident; and
3. travel and accommodation expenses for one family member to be located closer to the hospital where **you** or **your** chauffeur are receiving care or treatment.

Stalking threat

We will cover **you** against the following costs or expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred if **you** are the victim of a **stalking threat**:

1. the costs that **you** have to pay to temporarily relocate away from **your** home;

2. the costs to improve **your** home security;
3. the cost of security consultancy and professional security guard services; and
4. psychiatric services which are prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and incurred within 12 months of the first incident of a **stalking threat** against **you**.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We do not cover:

1. any loss from aggravated assault, aggravated burglary or car-jacking caused or initiated by **you**, **your** relatives, former relatives, partners or any person acting on **your** behalf.
2. any death occurring more than 12 months after the date of the incident or event that gave rise to cover under this section.
3. any **identity fraud** connected with **your** business, profession or occupation.
4. any **ransom** surrendered in a face-to-face encounter involving the use or threat of force or violence unless it is surrendered by a person who is in possession of the **ransom** at that time for the sole purpose of taking it to pay a previously communicated **ransom** demand.
5. any **ransom** surrendered at the place where the **kidnap** occurs unless it is taken there after receipt of the **ransom** demand and for the sole purpose of paying the **ransom**.
6. any act by **you** which would be a criminal offence if it was carried out by **you** in the same country as the **kidnap**.
7. any loss connected with any **road rage** incident caused by any person acting on **your** behalf or any person who is known to **you** or **your** chauffeur.

How much we will pay

The maximum amount **we** will pay for each agreed claim is stated below, unless stated otherwise on **your schedule**. This amount will be stated as an **amount insured**.

Aggregate limit for aggravated assault, aggravated burglary, car-jacking, kidnap and ransom

The most **we** will pay in total during the **period of insurance** for aggravated assault, aggravated burglary, car-jacking and **kidnap** and **ransom** is the **amount insured**.

The most **we** will pay in total during the **period of insurance** for each of the following covers is:

Air rage, hijack or road rage

1. £30,000 for costs and expenses arising from any **air rage**, **hijack** or **road rage** incident.

Identity fraud

2. £30,000 for costs and expenses arising from **identity fraud**. An act or a series of acts against **you** by the same person or group of people is considered to be one **identity fraud**.

Stalking threat

3. £30,000 for costs and expenses arising from a **stalking threat**.

Special limits

The following special limits are included within and not in addition to the amounts stated above or in **your schedule**. For a covered loss involving the benefits stated below, **we** will pay **you** up to the following amounts for each incident of loss:

1.
 - a. £10,000 for **medical expenses** arising from any **air rage** or **road rage** incident.
 - b. £30,000 for all other covered **medical expenses**, other than those arising from **kidnap**.
2. £30,000 for loss of salary.
3.
 - a. £10,000 for psychiatric services arising from any **air rage** or **road rage** incident.
 - b. £30,000 for all other covered psychiatric services.

4. £10,000 for temporary relocation expenses.
5. £10,000 for permanent relocation expenses.
6. £10,000 for travel and accommodation expenses.
7. £10,000 for security expenses.
8. £10,000 for security advice.
9.
 - a. £10,000 for a reward **you** pay to any **kidnap** informant;
 - b. £10,000 for rest and rehabilitation costs;
 - c. £10,000 for funeral expenses or cost of transporting **your** remains; and
 - d. £30,000 for **medical expenses** arising from **kidnap**; but no more than £30,000 in total for all **additional costs**.
10.
 - a.
 - i. £5,000 for the death of a child aged 16 years of age or under; and
 - ii. £100,000 for the death of anyone else, falling within the definition of **you**.
 - b. £100,000 for the total and irrecoverable loss of sight of both eyes.
 - c. £50,000 for total and irrecoverable loss of sight of one eye.
 - d. £100,000 for loss of two limbs.
 - e. £50,000 for loss of one limb.
 - f. £100,000 for total and irrecoverable loss of sight in one eye and loss of one limb.
 - g. £50,000 for the loss of hearing.
 - h. £50,000 for the loss of speech.
 - i. £100,000 for the loss of speech and hearing.
 - j. £100,000 for the loss of speech or hearing and one limb or one eye.

Your obligations

Medical examination

If a claim is made under this section, **you** must submit to physical examination by a physician that **we** choose. **We** may also require a post mortem examination by a physician that **we** choose, unless prohibited by law. If **we** require a physical examination or a post mortem examination, this will be paid for by **us**.

We will not make any payment under this section if you do not comply with this condition.

Visits to high-risk areas

You are not covered under this section while visiting countries or areas against the recommendation or advice of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office or the Department of Health unless **we** give **our** prior written permission. If **we** agree to this extra cover, revised terms and conditions and an additional premium will apply.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office website: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

Department of Health and Social Care website:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care

If a kidnap occurs

If a **kidnap** and **ransom** insured event occurs, **you** or someone on **your** behalf must:

1. tell **us** and **Control Risks** about it as soon as possible and give **us** or them whatever information **we** or they need;



2. tell the appropriate local authorities of the ransom demand, or allow **Control Risks** to do so, as soon as possible having regard to the personal safety of the victim; and
3. be able to show, when **you** make a claim for the **ransom** under this section, that the **ransom** was surrendered under duress.

The telephone number for **Control Risks** is stated on **your schedule**.

Confidentiality

You must take reasonable steps at all times to ensure that as far as reasonably possible, no one else knows about the existence of the **kidnap** and **ransom** cover in **your policy**.

Travel

Your **schedule** will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

If **you** need to make a claim, please refer to 'How to make a claim' within the General terms and conditions.

Special definitions for this section

Accidental bodily injury	An identifiable physical injury (including illness solely and directly resulting from the injury) which is caused by an accident occurring at an identifiable time and place during the insured trip .
Hijack	The unlawful seizure of, or wrongful taking control of, an aircraft, ship or train in which you are travelling.
Insured peril	A strike, riot, civil commotion , fire, flood, earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activity, landslip, avalanche, bad weather, accident or mechanical breakdown directly or indirectly affecting the vehicle in which you are travelling.
Insured trip	<p>A trip which takes place during the period of insurance and is expected to last for no longer than the period stated in your schedule. Trips to the United States of America or Canada are limited to the corresponding period stated in your schedule.</p> <p>If your trip continues beyond the period stated in your schedule, we will continue to provide cover but only in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. you are involved in a hijack or kidnap during your trip. We will then extend your trip for up to an extra 12 months while you are being held. No extra premium will be due for this extended period of cover; or2. you cannot end your trip as originally planned because of circumstances beyond your control. We will then extend cover for your trip for up to an extra 30 days. No extra premium will be due for this extended period of cover. <p>The trip starts from the time you leave your home in the United Kingdom during the period of insurance and ends at the earlier of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the time you arrive back at your home in the United Kingdom; or2. the expiry date of the period of insurance. If any trip continues beyond the expiry date of the period of insurance we will continue to cover you but only if you have renewed this insurance with us.
Kidnap	The illegal taking and holding captive of you by people who then demand a ransom as a condition of your release.
Loss of eye	Permanent and total loss of sight in an eye.
Loss of limb	Permanent and total loss of use of an arm, hand, foot or leg.
Permanent total disablement	Physical disablement which totally prevents you from working in your usual occupation, which lasts continuously for 12 calendar months and which at the end of that period, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner approved by us , is without prospect of improvement.

If **you** do not have a full-time occupation, physical disablement which lasts continuously for 12 calendar months and is of such severity that it is improbable that **you** will ever be able to have gainful employment, other than employment specifically reserved for the disabled.

Ransom

Cash or marketable goods or services surrendered or to be surrendered by **you** or on **your** behalf to meet a **kidnap** demand.

You/your

1. Those people named in **your schedule** for travel cover; and
2. any minors accompanying a person in 1. above on a single trip, provided that they are 16 years old or younger and do not permanently reside at **your** main home.

What is covered

Medical emergency travel and repatriation expenses

1. If **you** are injured or become ill during an **insured trip**, **we** will reimburse **you** for the following expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred as a direct result of the injury or illness.

Medical expenses

- a. The costs incurred outside the **United Kingdom** for medical, surgical or other remedial attention or treatment given or prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner and all hospital, nursing home and ambulance charges. This includes dental expenses incurred in an emergency for immediate pain relief. **We** will also cover medical expenses, as described above, which are incurred within:
 - i. the Channel Islands, provided **you** are permanently resident in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland; or
 - ii. England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland provided **you** are permanently resident on the Channel Islands.

We will not cover:

1. dental expenses other than those which are incurred in an emergency for immediate pain relief;
2. any costs or expenses incurred more than 12 months after the date **you** were injured or first became ill;
3. medical expenses arising out of a medical condition:
 - a. which **you** knew about at the time the **insured trip** was booked or began;
 - b. for which **you** are awaiting tests or the results of such tests when **you** booked or began the **insured trip**; or
 - c. for which **you** are scheduled to undergo treatment for such condition when **you** booked or began the **insured trip**,
unless the condition is normally stable, under control and **you** have not been required to have more than two check-ups or in-patient treatment, or emergency medical care in the preceding 12 months;
4. medical expenses directly or indirectly due to any **war**, unless:
 - a. the outbreak of **war** was unforeseen at the time of booking and departure;
 - b. **you** had no prior knowledge or reasonable expectation that **war** might break out in the destination country; and

- c. **you** were already on an **insured trip** when **war** commenced.
- Emergency travel expenses b. The extra travel and accommodation expenses incurred by **you** and up to two people who need to travel to **you**, remain with **you** or escort **you** home to the **United Kingdom** if the qualified medical practitioner treating **you** says this is necessary.
- Repatriation expenses c. The cost of sending **you** back to the **United Kingdom** by the most suitable transport if **our** medical adviser in consultation with the qualified medical practitioner treating **you** agrees that this is necessary.
- We** will not pay for **you** to be sent back more than 12 months after the date **you** were injured or first became ill.
- Hospital in-patient benefit d. **We** will pay the amount stated in **your schedule** for each complete 24-hour period **you** have to spend as a hospital in-patient outside the **United Kingdom**. This is in addition to any amount paid for medical, emergency travel and repatriation expenses.
- Hospital in-patient benefit is intended to contribute towards any reasonable incidental costs while **you** are in hospital. These costs include but are not limited to telephone calls, subsistence meals and drinks.
- Funeral expenses e. If **you** die during the **insured trip**, **we** will pay for funeral expenses abroad or the cost of transporting **you** back to the **United Kingdom**. This is in addition to any amount paid for medical and emergency travel expenses.
- Cancellation and curtailment** 2. **We** will cover cancellation and curtailment as described below if a booked trip is cancelled or an **insured trip** is cancelled or cut short as a direct result of any of the following circumstances happening during the **period of insurance**:
- a. **your** death, accidental injury or illness;
 - b. the death, accidental injury or illness of **your** travelling companion or **your** or **your** travelling companion's spouse, civil partner or partner, close relative, fiancée or fiancé, business partner or someone **you** or **your** travelling companion are planning to stay with or conduct business with during the **insured trip**;
 - c. the death of a close friend;
 - d. **you**, **your** travelling companion or someone **you** are planning to stay with or conduct business with during the **insured trip** being:
 - i. put in quarantine;
 - ii. called for jury service or as a court witness;
 - iii. made redundant, as long as the redundancy qualifies for payment under current law; or
 - iv. required to be in the **United Kingdom** following a burglary at or major damage to their home;
 - e. major damage to **your** pre-arranged accommodation making it impossible for **you** to stay there;
 - f. a **hijack** or **kidnap** which prevents **you** from starting or continuing the **insured trip**;
 - g. the cancellation or delayed departure for 24-hours or more of the scheduled transport on which **you** are booked to travel because of an **insured peril**; or
 - h. **you** missing the scheduled transport on which **you** are booked to travel on **your** outward journey because **you** are unable to leave **your** home in the **United Kingdom** for 24-hours or more or complete **your** journey due to heavy snow, flood,

landslip, earthquake or severe storm. However, **you** must ensure that **you** have done everything **you** reasonably can to arrive at the departure point in good time.

If **you** do not, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

We will also cover cancellation as described below if **you** have to cancel an **insured trip** within the 48-hours prior to **your** scheduled date of departure, as a direct result of specific travel advice from:

- a. any regional, local, devolved, state or national governmental body or government official, provided that the advice applies to **you** at the address stated as **your** main residence in **your schedule**;
- b. the World Health Organization; or
- c. any government officials of the country to which **you** are travelling,

which is in force at any time during such 48-hour period, warning against travelling to that country or part of that country for health or safety reasons.

However, **we** will not give this cover:

- i. if such travel advice or warning was given before **you** booked the **insured trip**; or
- ii. for any **insured trip** booked before the start of **your** travel cover with **us** where such travel advice or warning existed at the start of the **period of insurance** of the first year of **your** travel cover with **us**.

All cover under this section ends at the expiry date of the **period of insurance** if **you** do not renew **your** travel insurance with **us**.

Missed travel arrangements 3. **We** will pay **you** for the reasonable and necessary extra travel and accommodation expenses that **you** have to pay to continue or complete **your** journey if at any time during an **insured trip** **you** miss the scheduled transport on which **you** are booked to travel because:

- a. **you** are prevented from reaching its departure point as a result of an **insured peril**; or
- b. a fellow passenger or crew member on the transport in which **you** are travelling is injured or taken ill.

We will not make any payment for:

- a. missed scheduled transport unless **you** have done everything **you** reasonably can to arrive at the departure point in good time.
- b. missed travel arrangements:
 - i. due to a strike or industrial action which existed or for which advance warning had been given before the date on which the **insured trip** was booked;
 - ii. unless **you** provide written confirmation from the transport carrier, or a garage or motoring organisation where appropriate, of the delay and the reason for it; or
 - iii. due to avalanche or landslip where the trip was booked within 14 days of the start date and it was widely known that an avalanche or landslip had occurred at **your** intended resort.

Travel delay

4. If the scheduled transport on which **you** are booked to travel at either the start or the end of an **insured trip** has been delayed for more than eight hours because of an **insured peril**, **we** will pay the amount stated in **your schedule** for the period of delay. This

benefit is intended to contribute towards reasonable costs which include but are not limited to telephone calls, subsistence meals and drinks and essential toiletries.

We will not make any payment for:

- a. travel delay due to a strike or industrial action which existed or for which advance warning had been given before the date on which the **insured trip** was booked; or
- b. travel delay, unless **you** provide written confirmation from the transport company or their agents of the actual date and time of departure and the reason for the delay.

Enforced extended stay	5.	
Extra accommodation	a.	<p>We will reimburse you for the reasonable extra accommodation expenses which are reasonably and necessarily incurred by you if the departure date of the scheduled transport on which you are booked to travel at the end of an insured trip has been delayed for longer than 24-hours as a direct result of an insured peril or is confirmed in writing by the travel company or travel operator to be delayed for such period.</p> <p>We will not make any payment towards costs such as telephone calls, subsistence meals and drinks and essential toiletries. These costs are covered under the travel delay section.</p>
Extra travel expenses	b.	<p>We will reimburse you for the reasonable extra travel expenses which are necessarily incurred by you in order to return home at the end of an insured trip if the departure date of the scheduled transport on which you are booked to travel has been delayed for longer than 72-hours as a direct result of an insured peril or is confirmed in writing by the travel company or travel operator to be delayed for such period.</p> <p>We will not make any payment towards costs such as telephone calls, subsistence meals and drinks and essential toiletries. These costs are covered under the travel delay section.</p>
Temporary loss of baggage	6.	If your baggage is temporarily lost for more than eight hours from the time of arrival on your outward journey we will pay towards the cost of buying or hiring essential and reasonable replacement items.
Travel documents	7.	If you lose or accidentally damage your essential travel documents during an insured trip , we will pay the cost of replacing them and reimburse you for the reasonable and necessary travel and accommodation expenses you incur in doing so.
Hi-jack and kidnap	8.	We will pay the amount stated in your schedule for each complete day that you are detained as the result of a hijack or kidnap which starts during an insured trip .
Sports activity	9.	We will cover the following:
Equipment hire	a.	We will pay the reasonable cost of hiring replacement equipment if your golf clubs, pedal cycles or scuba equipment are accidentally damaged, stolen or temporarily lost for more than eight hours during the insured trip .
Sports package	b.	If you are unable to cycle, scuba dive or play golf due to illness or an injury during an insured trip and you have made a claim for medical expenses under this section for that illness or injury, we will pay for amounts you have paid or legally have to pay and which cannot be recovered for your own unused green fees, equipment hire, excursion, tuition or guide.
Personal accident	10.	We will pay you the benefit stated in your schedule if you suffer accidental bodily injury during an insured trip which directly results in your death, loss of limb , loss of



eye or permanent total disablement within 12 calendar months of the date of the accident.

Additional cover

We will also provide **you** with the following additional cover up to the corresponding **amount insured**.

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| Cruise cover – missed port | <p>1. We will pay if your scheduled port visit is cancelled due to adverse weather or timetable restrictions.</p> <p>We will not make any payment for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. any claim arising from your ship's failure to put people ashore due to the mechanical or operations failure of the ship's tender;b. any claim where a monetary amount has been offered to you by the ship or tour operator; orc. any claim where you do not have written confirmation from your carrier or tour operator confirming your scheduled port visit was cancelled. |
| Cruise cover – cabin confinement | <p>2. We will pay for each full day that you are confined by the ship's medical officer to your cabin as a result of medical reasons during your insured trip.</p> <p>We will not make any payment for confinement unless the confinement was confirmed to you in writing by the ship's medical officer.</p> |
| Motor excess waiver | <p>3. We will pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. the reimbursement of the accidental damage or theft excess applied to your car hire insurance if the hire vehicle is stolen, damaged or involved in an accident during the rental period; andb. the cost of replacing rental car keys if these are lost, stolen, or damaged during the rental period, this includes where necessary the costs to replace locks or for a locksmith to break in to the hire vehicle. <p>We will not make any payment for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. any claim where you have not followed the terms of your rental agreement;b. any person aged under 21 years old; orc. any claim for damage caused as a result of theft of the vehicle, unless a written police report is obtained. |
| Winter sports cover | <p>4. We will cover the following, provided Winter sports is showing as covered in your schedule:</p> |
| Winter sports equipment hire | <p>a. We will pay the reasonable cost of hiring replacement equipment if your skis, snowboard, poles or ski boots are accidentally damaged, stolen or temporarily lost for more than eight hours during the insured trip.</p> |
| Winter package | <p>b. If you are unable to ski or snowboard due to illness or an injury during an insured trip and you have made a claim for medical expenses under this section for that illness or injury, we will pay for amounts you have paid or legally have to pay and which cannot be recovered for your own unused ski pass, winter sports equipment hire, excursion, tuition or guide.</p> |
| Piste closure | <p>c. We will pay for the reasonable extra travel expenses that you have to pay in order to reach the nearest alternative skiing area if all the winter sports facilities at your</p> |

pre-booked resort are closed during an **insured trip** and no alternative area is available within **your** ski pass area.

We will not make any payment for:

- a. piste closure when **you** are on an **insured trip** which starts or ends outside that resort's declared ski season;
- b. piste closure where the trip was booked within 14 days of the start date and it was widely known that an avalanche or landslip had occurred at **your** intended resort;
- c. off-piste skiing unless **you** are accompanied;
- d. free-style skiing or ski jumping;
- e. skiing or snowboarding:
 - i. outside of the resort boundary, backcountry or any alpine ski touring;
 - ii. by helicopter or snow cat; or
 - iii. on any terrain park within resort;
- f. ice hockey;
- g. use of a bobsled/bobsleigh, including use of any bobsleigh runs;
- h. use of a kite wing on snow;
- i. snow kiting; or
- j. any competition, other than races organised by ski schools.

Cyber claims and losses

We will pay for any claim or loss that is otherwise covered under this section, where such claim or loss arises from a cyber attack, hack or other computer or cyber-related incident.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We do not cover:

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| Trips in the UK | 1. loss arising from any trip within the United Kingdom unless: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. you have pre-booked accommodation or travel; and b. the trip is for a minimum of two nights. |
| Medical expenses in the UK | 2. any medical expenses incurred in the United Kingdom . |
| Expenses covered elsewhere | 3. any travel, accommodation, activity or excursion expenses which any transport company, tour operator, travel association or financial protection scheme has agreed to pay or is obliged to pay. |
| Trips for medical treatments | 4. any trip that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. is for the purpose of having medical or surgical treatment; |
| Bookings made by anyone under 16 years old | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. is booked or made by anyone who is under 16 years old at the start of the trip unless he or she is on an organised school trip or is to be accompanied for the whole trip by an adult. |
| Cancellation or curtailment due to medical conditions | 5. cancellation or curtailment of any trip because of a medical condition, unless you provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a doctor's certificate; or |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. in respect of a coronavirus disease (Covid-19) related medical condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. proof of a positive coronavirus disease (Covid-19) test result that you took within 72 hours of the scheduled departure date or during your trip; or ii. written confirmation from a transport operator refusing you travel due to you showing coronavirus disease (Covid-19) symptoms, <p>to support your claim.</p>
Known pre-existing medical conditions	<p>6. any claim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. arising out of a medical condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. which you knew about at the time the insured trip was booked or began; ii. for which you are awaiting tests or the results of such tests when you booked or began the insured trip; or iii. for which you are scheduled to undergo treatment for such condition when you booked or began the insured trip; <p>unless the condition is normally stable, under control and you have not been required to have more than two check-ups or in-patient treatment or emergency medical care in the preceding 12 months.</p> <p>This exclusion does not apply to any of the conditions stated below under Pre-existing medical conditions;</p>
Medical practitioner advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. arising out of a medical condition where you have been advised not to travel by your medical practitioner;
Pre-existing circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. arising out of a set of circumstances which you knew about or could reasonably be expected to have known about at the time the insured trip was booked or your travel cover came into effect unless you could not reasonably have expected such circumstances to result in a claim. <p>This exclusion does not apply to any of the conditions stated below under Pre-existing medical conditions;</p>
Drugs or controlled substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. while you are under the influence of drugs or controlled substances, other than drugs prescribed by your doctor and used in accordance with your doctor's instructions;
Self-inflicted injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. resulting from you committing suicide, deliberately injuring yourself or putting yourself in unnecessary danger, unless trying to save a human life; or f. resulting from any criminal act by you.
Existing medication costs	<p>7. the cost of any medication you need and were taking before the start of the insured trip.</p>
Hazardous activities	<p>8. any claim resulting from you taking part in any of the following hazardous activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. any winter sports, unless your schedule shows you have winter sports cover; or b. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. any unaccompanied dive; ii. any dive involving visits to wrecks or caves; iii. any other scuba diving activities unless you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. hold the British Sub Aqua Club 'Sports Diver' certificate or the Professional Association of Diving Instructors 'Open Water' certificate and follow the relevant Club or Association rules and guidelines at all times; or 2. dive only under the constant supervision of a properly licensed diving school and follow their rules and instructions at all times;

- iv. potholing, caving, mountaineering or rock-climbing for which ropes or guides would normally need to be used, bungee jumping;
- v. hang-gliding, parachuting, sky-diving, parascending other than over water, paragliding, microlighting, parasailing, land yachting, flying as a passenger in a glider or ultralight, flying as a pilot or passenger of a private light aircraft;
- vi. white-water rafting unless **you** are accompanied by a suitably qualified guide in rapids classified Grade 3 and below; or
- vii. any kind of race, endurance test or competition.

This exclusion does not apply to events on foot less than 27 miles, events on bicycle less than 100 miles or swimming events less than two miles.

Sporting, armed forces and aerial activities

- 9. any claim resulting from **you** taking part in:
 - a. any sporting activity for gain or reward;
 - b. armed forces activities including operations, exercises or training; or
 - c. flying as a pilot or any other aerial activities other than travel by air as a passenger.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the relevant **amount insured** for each individual covered under this section and each **insured trip**.

You must pay the **excess** stated in **your schedule**, where applicable.

Cancellation and curtailment

For cover under **What is covered, Cancellation and curtailment**, the amount **we** pay will be as follows:

Cancellation

- 1. **We** will reimburse **you** for amounts **you** have paid or legally have to pay and which cannot be recovered for **your** own unused travel, accommodation and pre-booked activities and excursions if **you** are unable to proceed with an **insured trip** prior to its commencement.

This cover also applies to bookings **you** make during the **period of insurance** and trips already booked at the start of the **period of insurance**.

All cover under this cancellation section ends at the expiry date of the **period of insurance** if **you** do not renew **your** travel insurance with **us**.

Curtailment

- 2. If the **insured trip** is cut short **we** will reimburse **you** up to the **amount insured** for:
 - a. the reasonable extra travel and accommodation expenses incurred by **you** to return home; and
 - b. **your** own unused travel, accommodation and pre-booked activities and excursions **you** have paid or legally have to pay and which cannot be recovered, unless already covered under a. above.

Pre-booked activities

- 3. **We** will reimburse **you** for amounts **you** have paid or legally have to pay and which cannot be recovered for **your** pre-booked activities and excursions if **you** proceed with an **insured trip** but where **you** are unable to proceed with **your** pre-booked activities and excursions due to accidental injury or illness to **you** or **your** travelling companion.

This cover also applies to bookings **you** make during the **period of insurance** and trips already booked at the start of the **period of insurance**.

Doctor's certificate

4. Where **we** require **you** to provide a doctor's certificate to support any claim for cancellation or curtailment due to medical conditions, **we** will pay up to the **amount insured** towards the cost of obtaining such certificate.

Your obligations

Hiscox Assistance

1. In the event of a medical emergency outside of the **United Kingdom**, **you** should ring the number stated in **your schedule** for help and advice.

The number is open 24-hours every day. **You** must ring this number as soon as reasonably practicable if injury or illness results in the need for in-patient hospital treatment or the possible need for emergency travel or repatriation.

To help Hiscox Assistance deal with **your** emergency quickly, please have the following information available:

- a. **your** name;
- b. the telephone or fax number, or email address where **you** can be reached;
- c. the nature of the emergency; and
- d. **your** Hiscox policy number.

Injury or illness overseas

2. If injury or illness overseas results in the need for in-patient hospital treatment overseas or the possible need for emergency travel or repatriation **you** or someone on **your** behalf must call Hiscox Assistance on the number stated in **your schedule** as soon as possible. If not, **we** will not have to pay the claim.

If **you** have to pay any medical expenses outside the **United Kingdom**, **you** must keep the original receipts and bills to support any request for payment under this section.

If **we** consider it necessary, **you** must allow a medical adviser chosen by **us** to examine **you** and to see all medical records.

We will not pay any medical expenses or personal accident benefit unless **you** see a suitably qualified medical practitioner as soon as possible after suffering illness or injury and follow any medical advice **you** are given.

Pre-existing medical conditions

There are exclusions in **your policy** for pre-existing conditions, see the What is not covered section above for more detail. To ensure adequate policy cover, it is important that **you** disclose pre-existing medical conditions – other than those detailed below – which affect **you**, the people travelling or other people upon whose health **your** trip depends.

The conditions listed below are automatically covered for no additional premium and **you** are not required to declare them to **us** unless **you** have any other pre-existing condition.

Those declared to **us** may incur an additional charge if **we** agree to provide cover.

Pre-existing medical conditions:

ADHD, Anaphylaxis provided that **you** have not needed inpatient treatment in the last 12 months, Arthritis, Asthma provided that **you** do not have Acute Severe Asthma, Blindness or partial sightedness, Carpel tunnel syndrome, Cataracts, Cholesterol Hyper/Hypo, Coeliac Disease, Cystitis (providing there is no ongoing treatment), Deafness/Impaired Hearing, Diabetes provided controlled by diet or tablets, Downs Syndrome, Dyspepsia, Eczema, Enlarged prostate (benign only), Glaucoma, Gout, Haemorrhoids, Hay fever, High cholesterol, High or low blood pressure, HRT, Hyperlipidemia, Indigestion, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Lichen Planus, Macular degeneration, Melanosis, Menopause, Migraine, Nasal polyps, Psoriasis, Raynaud's Syndrome, Registered disabled, Rheumatism, Rhinitis, Rosacea, RSI,



Sinusitis, Tinnitus, Underactive Thyroid (Hypothyroidism), Urticaria, Varicose veins in the legs, Vertigo.

Personal cyber

Your **schedule** will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

If **you** need to make a claim, please refer to 'How to make a claim' within the General terms and conditions.

Special definitions for this section

Computer system	Any computer network, hardware, software, information technology and communications system, including any mobile phone or tablet, owned by you and used mainly by you for personal purposes, and which is located at your home .
Cyber threat	Any threat from a third party to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. damage, destroy or corrupt by any means, including but not limited to the introduction of a computer virus:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. your personal digital data or personal digital data for which you are responsible; orb. a computer system; or2. disseminate, divulge or use any electronically held personal information which is not in the public domain, following any unauthorised external electronic access of a computer system by that third party.
Domestic employee	Any person working for you in connection with domestic duties or incidental farming duties who is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. employed by you under a contract of service; or2. self-employed and working on a labour-only basis under your control or supervision.
Hacker	Anyone, other than a domestic employee , who maliciously targets you and gains unauthorised access to a computer system solely by circumventing, electronically, the security systems in place to protect against such unauthorised access.
Home	For the purposes of this section, home has the same meaning given in Your home and personal possessions section.
Incidental farming	Farming, including livery (looking after horses), carried out by you on a part-time basis at the address stated in your schedule , as long as any people you employ for this purpose do not work more than 1,000 hours between them during the period of insurance .
Ransom	Cash or marketable goods or services surrendered or to be surrendered by you or on your behalf to meet a cyber threat demand.
You/your	Also includes all permanent members of your household, including domestic employees who live in your home .

What is covered

Hacker damage	If during the period of insurance you discover that your computer system has been damaged, altered or corrupted by a hacker during the period of insurance , we will pay the reasonable and necessary cost of:
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1. repairing or replacing **your computer system**;
2. replacing **programs** to **your** personal computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone;
3. retrieving **your** personal digital data, digital photographs or digital video from **your** personal computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone; and
4. replacing **your** personal digital music and digital video downloaded to **your** personal computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Social engineering

If **you** receive a fraudulent email request during the **period of insurance** and **you** transfer funds from **your** personal account to the account of a third party as a direct result of such request, **we** will cover the amount of the funds **you** have transferred.

Cyber theft

If, during the **period of insurance** **you** discover that:

1. **your** personal funds, personal documents or title deeds have been lost as a result of a **hacker** or transferred by a **hacker**; or
2. **you** have incurred charges as a result of the use of **your** personal digital data or call allowance by a **hacker**,

during the **period of insurance**, **we** will pay the cost of the charges **you** have incurred, the funds a **hacker** has transferred or the reasonable and necessary cost of replacing or reconstituting **your** personal documents or title deeds.

Cyber extortion

If **you** are the victim of a **cyber threat** during the **period of insurance**, **we** will cover **you** against:

1. a **ransom** which has been surrendered. If the **ransom** involves marketable goods or services, **we** will pay the actual cash value at the time of their surrender;
2. the fees and expenses of a consultant incurred by **you** with **our** prior written agreement, for advising **you** on handling and negotiating a **ransom** demand; and
3. the loss in transit of a **ransom** by actual damage, destruction, disappearance, confiscation, seizure, theft or wrongful abstraction while being conveyed to the order of such persons as have demanded it, by any person who is authorised to do so by **you**.

Personal cyber media liability

We will pay **you** the amount required to settle a claim or a judgment or arbitration award against **you** if, during the **period of insurance**, a party brings a claim against **you** for actual or alleged:

1. infringement of any intellectual property rights;
2. defamation, including libel, slander, disparagement or malicious falsehood; or
3. negligent transmission of a computer virus;

occurring during the **period of insurance** which arises directly from a **hacker** gaining unauthorised access to the content of **your** personal email, personal social media posting or personal website.

We will also pay reasonable costs and expenses incurred with **our** prior written agreement to defend the claim.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We do not cover:



Tangible property	1. physical loss or damage to tangible property, other than damage to your computer system by a hacker .
Service failure	2. loss arising from the failure of services to your home from any third-party service provider. 3. any loss where you have wilfully paid or transferred money, personal documents or title deeds, whether deception is involved or not. This exclusion does not apply to any claim we have agreed to pay under What is covered , Social engineering.
Professional use	4. any: a. loss or liability arising from the use, whether authorised or not, of any email, social media posting or website; or b. loss of or damage to any document, program or software, that relates to, or is used for the purposes of, your trade, business or profession.
Backed-up data	5. the costs of repairing or replacing any programs , data, photographs, video or music that you are able to access from a cloud, remote server or back-up copies.
Face-to-face ransom	6. any ransom surrendered in a face-to-face encounter, unless it is surrendered by a person who is authorised by you to be in possession of the ransom at that time for the sole purpose of taking it to pay a previously communicated ransom demand.
Pre-existing matters	7. any matter that prior to the start of your policy you knew or reasonably ought to have known would be likely to lead to a covered claim or loss.

How much we will pay

Your schedule will show **you** the maximum amount **we** will pay for each agreed claim. This amount will be stated as an **amount insured**.

Excess

Your schedule will show **you** if **you** are required to pay the first part of each agreed claim. This amount will be stated as an **excess**.

Claims arising from one incident

All claims which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing act, incident or event will be regarded as one claim, however many of **you** may be affected and regardless of the number of claims actually made. All claims caused by one incident are agreed to be one claim.

Special limits

The following are included within, and not in addition to, the overall **amount insured**.

Cryptocurrency theft

The most **we** will pay for claims arising from any:

1. theft of cryptocurrencies, digital currencies or any money held in any cryptocurrency or digital currency account, from any online platform, wallet or equivalent system, or any physical or digital storage device, including but not limited to cold storage; or
2. transfer of money from any account, including traditional bank accounts, to any cryptocurrency or digital currency account or to any online platform, wallet, equivalent system or storage device,

is the **amount insured** in total for all such claims.

Your obligations

If a problem arises

You must not reveal the amount of cover available under this section of **your policy**.



Social engineering

We will not make any payment under **What is covered**, Social engineering for any loss unless before agreeing to any payment **you** or someone on **your** behalf took reasonable steps to:

1. authenticate and verify the identity of the person who sought to obtain money from **you**; and
2. establish that person's entitlement to request and receive payment.

Cyber extortion

We will not make any payment under **What is covered**, Cyber extortion for any **ransom** unless **you**:

1. made all reasonable efforts to determine that the **cyber threat** was genuine and not a hoax before agreeing to the payment of the **ransom**;
2. can demonstrate to **us** that the **ransom** is to be paid, or the goods or services are to be surrendered, under duress; and
3. have obtained **our** prior written agreement before the **ransom** is paid or goods or services are surrendered.

Financial platform obligations

We will not make any payment under this section of **your policy** unless **you** comply with all applicable terms, conditions and security requirements of any financial institution, payment platform, or cryptocurrency or digital currency platform or provider **you** use. Where multi-factor authentication (MFA) or equivalent security features are available for **your** account or transactions, **you** must enable and use them. This includes, but is not limited to, enabling MFA or other enhanced security features wherever these are offered by **your** platform or provider, and following all recommended security practices for account access and transactions.

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