



Policy Wording



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Your Policy Wording

Welcome to **Your** Cherish Residential Landlord Insurance **Policy** and thank you for choosing **Our** insurance which is underwritten by AXA Insurance UK plc who are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. **You** can check this on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website https://register.fca.org.uk/ or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0300 500 8082.

The information **You** have supplied forms part of the contract of insurance with **Us**. **Your Policy** is evidence of that contract. **You** should read it carefully and keep it in a safe place.

In return for having accepted **Your** premium **We** will, in the event of injury, loss or damage happening within the **Period of Insurance**, provide insurance as described in the following pages and referred to in **Your** Schedule.

For the contract to be valid, all the information **You** have given **Us** as part of **Your** application must be true and complete to the best of **Your** knowledge and belief. Otherwise **Your Policy** may not protect **You** in the event of a claim.

If after reading these documents **You** have any questions please contact Cherish Insurance Services.

Important

We recommend that **You** read this **Policy** in conjunction with **Your** Schedule to ensure that it meets with **Your** requirements. Should **You** have any queries please contact **Us** or **Your** Insurance Intermediary.

Your attention is drawn to the Complaints Procedure on page 59.

The law applicable to this policy

This clause is different under Home Emergency. Please refer to page 37 for details.

You and **We** can choose the law which applies to this **Policy**. **We** propose that the Law of England and Wales applies. Unless **We** and **You** agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales applies to this **Policy**.



How to Use this Policy

Please read this **Policy** wording with **Your Policy** Schedule in order to make sure that **You** are satisfied with **Your** insurance. If **You** have any questions please contact Cherish Insurance Services.

Why some words are shown in bold type

Certain words and phrases printed in **bold type** have defined meanings throughout this **Policy**. **You** can find the meanings of these defined terms in the Definitions section on page 6.

Cover details

You will find the following headings on many pages:

What is covered	What is not covered
These sections give detailed information on the insurance provided and must be read with 'What is not covered' at all times.	These sections draw Your attention to what is not included in Your Policy .

To help you further...

We have included some explanatory notes in Your Policy. These are printed in orange.



Important Telephone Numbers

Claim Notification 0800 197 2770 select Option 1	If You need to make a claim, call this Helpline and We will tell You the process to follow. Please read the claims conditions and claims process on page 14 before calling.
	You can also email enquiries@cherishinsurance.co.uk if Your claim is not urgent.
Domestic Helpline 0300 303 2952	Home Emergency includes a Domestic Helpline which is provided by AXA Assistance (UK) Limited. In the event of a burst pipe, blocked drain, electrical fault, even a wasp nest, AXA Assistance (UK) Limited will be able to offer practical advice. If You wish, AXA Assistance (UK) Limited will locate the nearest suitable tradesman and confirm the call out time and price.
	You will remain responsible for the tradesman's charges for doing the work, including any call out fee, so it will be Your decision whether to accept the quotation or not. If You do accept, AXA Assistance (UK) Limited will arrange for the tradesman to call at the agreed time.
Home Emergency 0300 303 2952	Please refer to Your Schedule which will include details of cover. Please also read the Home Emergency section which starts on page 37 before calling.
Legal and Tenancy Disputes Helpline	This 24/7 helpline provides specialist lawyers to advise You on any legal concerns related to Your insured property.
0330 024 8694	Administered by Arc Legal Assistance Limited.
Quote 'Cherish Residential Landlord Insurance'	Please read the information on page 46 before calling.
Landlord's Legal Document Service https://landlord-docs.arclegal.	Please use the following access code MLBAXA to access the legal document service. If you have not used the legal document service before, please register as a new user.
co.uk	A helpful online facility which gives You access to a range of useful legal documents related to the letting of Your property.

In order to maintain a quality service, telephone calls may be monitored or recorded.



Definitions

These definitions do not apply to Home Emergency, Legal Expenses and Tenancy Disputes where separate definitions apply.

Where **We** explain what a word means, that word will have the same meaning wherever it is used in the **Policy** or Schedule.

These words are highlighted by the use of **bold print** and start with a capital letter. Definitions are listed alphabetically.

Buildings

The structure of the **Home** including fixtures and fittings and the following if they form part of the property:

- Oil gas tanks, cesspits, septic tanks and soakaways.
- Permanent swimming pools, fixed hot tubs or jacuzzis, ornamental ponds, fountains, tennis hard courts.
- Walls, gates, fences, hedges, terraces, patios, drives, paths, artificial lawns, statues, decking, railings, gazebos, pergolas.
- Car ports, garages including garages on nearby sites.
- External lighting, alarm systems and surveillance equipment, solar heating systems, wind turbines, air and ground source heat pumps.
- Fixed recreational toys and brick built barbecues.
- Laminated, wooden effect or vinyl floor covering that could not reasonably be removed and re-used.
- Inspection hatches and covers all supplying Your Home.
- Outbuildings.

Building Works

Any building work (structural and non-structural) over £10,000 (inclusive of VAT) in total. Building work includes but is not limited to demolition, structural alteration, construction, renovation, refurbishment, structural repair or restoration.

Business

Ownership of the **Buildings** belonging to the **Home** shown in the **Policy** Schedule.

Domestic Staff

A person employed to carry out domestic duties associated with the **Home** and not employed by **You** in any capacity in connection with any business, trade, profession or employment other than in connection with the **Business**.

Endorsement(s)

A change to the terms of the **Policy** as shown under Endorsements in the Schedule.

Excess

The amount **You** are required to pay as the first part of each and every claim made.

Flood

An invasion of the property by a large volume of water caused by a rapid build-up of or sudden release of water from outside the **Buildings**.



Definitions continued

Heave The upward or sideways movement of the site on which **Your**

Buildings are situated other than **Settlement** caused by swelling

of the ground.

Home The private residence shown in the Schedule including its garages

and **Outbuildings** if they form part of the property.

Landlord's Contents The definition of landlord's contents can be found within the section

called Landlord's Contents Cover within this Policy.

Landslip Sudden movement of soil on a slope or gradual creep of a slope over

a period of time other than **Settlement**.

Coins and bank notes in current use, cheques, postal orders, postage Money

stamps which are not part of a collection, trading stamps, premium bonds, saving stamps or certificates, luncheon vouchers, gift vouchers or gift cards, money orders, travel tickets including season tickets, petrol coupons, phonecards, pre-booked event and entertainment

tickets and electronic money cards.

This does not include credit card, debit card or cash dispenser

card liability.

Outbuildings Sheds

Greenhouses

Summer houses

Other Buildings but not including caravans, mobile homes, motor homes or structures made of canvas, PVC or any other

non rigid material

which do not form part of the structure of the main **Building** of the

Home and are used or occupied for domestic purposes.

Period of Insurance The dates shown on the Schedule. A new Schedule will be issued by

email to the registered email address subject to payment of premium

being made and accepted.

Personal Effects Clothes and items of a personal nature likely to be worn, used or

carried. For example portable radios and TVs, hand held games

consoles, MP3 players, mobile phones and sports equipment.

Your policy wording and most recent Schedule which include any **Policy**

Endorsement(s).

Settlement The natural movement of new properties in the months and years

after they are built.

Storm A period of violent weather defined as:

Wind speeds with gusts of at least 48 knots (55mph)* or

Torrential rainfall at a rate of at least 25mm per hour or

Snow to a depth of at least one foot (30cm) in 24 hours or

Hail of such intensity that it causes damage to hard surfaces or breaks glass.

^{*}Equivalent to Storm Force 10 on the Beaufort Scale.



Definitions continued

Subsidence

Downward movement of the site on which the **Buildings** are situated by a cause other than **Settlement** or the weight of the **Buildings** themselves.

Unoccupied

Not lived in for 60 or more consecutive days.

Valuables

Jewellery (including costume jewellery), articles of or containing gold, silver or other precious metals, cameras (which includes camera lenses), binoculars, watches, furs, paintings and other works of art and collections of stamps, coins and medals.

Vehicles

- 1. Electronically or mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles including plant machinery, mini diggers, fork lift trucks, motor cycles, children's motor cycles, powered transporters (including e-scooters and Segways), quad bikes and children's quad bikes.
- 2. Aircraft (including any type of gliders), drones (including mechanically propelled aerial toys, models or devices), boats, hovercraft and any type of craft designed to be used in or on the water including hand or foot propelled craft, sailboards, electric surfboards and windsurfers.
- 3. Trailers, carts, wagons, caravans and horse boxes.
- 4. Parts, accessories (including keys and key fobs), tools supplied with the vehicle and/or used for commercial purposes, fitted radios, cassette players and compact disc players and satellite navigation systems primarily used for any of the items in 1-3 above.

The following items are not included in this definition:

- Ride on lawn mowers only used for domestic purposes within the boundaries of the land belonging to **Your Home**.
- Wheelchairs, mobility scooters and invalid carriages, provided they are only being used for their intended purpose and by the intended user, and they do not need to be registered for road use.
- Surfboards (non-electric), water-skis, snowboards and skis.
- Toys and models.
- Pedal cycles and electrically powered assisted pedal cycles. The motor should have a maximum power output of 250 watts and should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than 15.5mph.
- Golf trolleys which are controlled by someone on foot.
- Portable satellite navigation devices or global positioning devices but not those fixed to a vehicle.

We/Us/Our

AXA Insurance UK plc.

You/Your

The person or persons named in the Schedule as the Policyholder.



General Conditions

These conditions do not apply to Home Emergency, Legal Expenses and Tenancy Disputes where separate conditions apply.

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **Your Policy**. If **You** do not comply with them, **We** will take one or more of the following actions:

- Cancel **Your Policy**.
- Declare **Your Policy** void (treating **Your Policy** as if it never existed).
- Change the terms of Your Policy.
- Refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

Providing accurate and complete information

When taking out, renewing or making changes to this **Policy**, **You** must take reasonable care to provide accurate and complete answers to all questions.

We may ask **You** to provide further information and/or documentation to ensure that the information **You** provided when taking out, making changes to or renewing **Your Policy** was accurate and complete.

Occupiers non-invalidation

Your cover under this insurance shall not be prejudiced by any act or neglect by a guest of any private residence where the risk of loss or damage is increased without **Your** authority or knowledge providing that when **You** become aware **You** let **Us** know immediately. **We** will then tell **You** about any change in terms or increase in premium.

Unoccupancy between tenancy agreements

If any private residence is not lived in for seven consecutive days or more whilst untenanted **You** must ensure that:

- a. the gas, electricity and water is turned off at the mains and the water or heating system is drained, or
- b. the private residence is maintained at a temperature no less than 10°C, and
- c. the premises are visited at least once every seven days.

Passenger lifts

For each passenger lift in the buildings which are owned by **You** or for which **You** are responsible, **You** must ensure the following:

- You have a maintenance contract with the manufacturer or other competent party.
- All safety related recommendations made by the manufacturer or other competent party are immediately carried out.



The value of your contents

You must notify Us as soon as possible when the full value of Your Landlord's Contents exceeds the amount shown in Your Policy Schedule. If the amount shown on Your Schedule represents less than 100% of the full replacement value of Your Landlord's Contents, We will only be able to settle claims at the percentage You are insured for. For example if the value of Your Landlord's Contents shown on Your Schedule only represents 70% of the full replacement value then We will not pay more than 70% of Your claims.

The full replacement value of **Your Landlord's Contents** means the current cost to replace all of **Your Landlord's Contents** as new.

If the full replacement value of **Your Landlord's Contents** exceeds the amount shown in **Your** Schedule the cover under the **Policy** will no longer meet **Your** needs.

The value of your buildings

You must notify Us as soon as possible if the full rebuilding cost of Your Buildings exceeds the amount shown in Your Policy Schedule. If the amount shown on Your Schedule represents less than 100% of the full replacement value of Your Landlord's Buildings, We will only be able to settle claims at the percentage You are insured for. For example if the value of Your Landlord's Buildings shown on Your Schedule only represents 70% of the full replacement value then We will not pay more than 70% of Your claims.

The full rebuilding cost of **Your Buildings** means the cost of rebuilding if the **Buildings** are completely destroyed. This is not necessarily the market value.

If the full rebuilding cost of **Your Buildings** exceeds the amount shown in **Your** Schedule the cover under the **Policy** will no longer meet **Your** needs.

Updating sums insured

Although this **Policy** does not specifically provide for increases to take account of inflation, the level of cover selected will be reviewed periodically and **You** will be advised when general increases take place.

However, the value of **Your Landlord's Contents** or **Your Buildings** may be growing faster, perhaps because of acquired items or improvements to the property such as adding a conservatory.

You should ensure that **You** have sufficient cover and if in doubt, **You** should contact Cherish Insurance Services for assistance.

Taking care of your property

You must take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury, loss or damage and take all reasonable steps to safeguard all the property insured from loss or damage.

You must maintain the Buildings and Landlord's Contents in good repair.



Dual insurance

If any injury, loss, damage or liability under 'Occupiers and Public liability' or 'Property owner's liability' is covered by any other insurance **We** will not make any payment. If any other injury, loss, damage or liability is covered by any other insurance then We will not pay more than Our share.

Changes in your circumstances

You must tell **Us** as soon as possible if **Your** circumstances change or if any of the information shown in Your proposal form, statement of fact or Schedule changes during the Period of Insurance.

Examples of changes **We** must be made aware of are:

- Change of address.
- If You intend to undertake Building Works at Your Home.
- If **Your Home** will no longer be let.
- If You intend to use Your Home for any reason other than private residential purposes.
- If **Your Home** will be **Unoccupied** for more than 60 consecutive days.
- If **You** have been declared bankrupt or been subject to bankruptcy proceedings.
- If You have received a police caution for or been convicted of or charged with any offence other than driving offences.

We will then tell You if there will be any change to Your insurance premium or any change in the terms of **Your Policy**.

You must ensure that You provide accurate and complete information when asked questions about the changes in **Your** circumstances.

If You are in any doubt please contact Cherish Insurance Services on 0800 197 2770.

Fraud

Throughout **Your** dealings with **Us**, **We** expect **You** to act honestly.

If **You** or anyone acting for **You**:

- Knowingly makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under the Policy, or
- Knowingly makes a false statement in support of a claim, or
- Submits a knowingly false or forged document in support of a claim, or
- Makes a claim for any loss or damage caused by Your wilful act or caused with Your agreement knowledge or collusion,

Then:



- We will cancel Your Policy.
- We will not pay any fraudulent claims.
- **We** will be entitled to recover from **You** the amount of any fraudulent claim already paid under the **Policy** since the start date.
- We will not return any premium paid by You for the Policy.
- We will inform the Police of the circumstances.

Sanctions

We will not provide cover, be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit where doing so would expose **Us**, or any AXA Group member company to:

- any sanctions, prohibitions or restrictions under United Nations resolutions; or
- the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom, or United States of America.

Cancelling your cover

Statutory cancellation rights

You may cancel this **Policy** within 14 days of receipt of the **Policy** documents (the cancellation period), whether for new business or at the renewal date, by contacting **Us** in one of the following ways during the cancellation period:

Mail Cherish Insurance Services

Carlson House, Bradfield Road, Wix CO11 2SP

Tel 0800 197 2770

Email enquiries@cherishinsurance.co.uk quoting **Your Policy** number.

If cover has not started **We** will refund the full premium, including any underwriting fees. If cover has started **We** will keep an amount of premium in proportion to the time **You** have been on cover, plus any underwriting fees and refund the rest to **You** provided no claims have occurred. If any claims have been made **You** will not receive a refund of premium.

Cancellation outside the statutory period

You may cancel this **Policy** at any time by giving **Us** prior written notice to the address on the previous page.

As long as **You** have not incurred eligible claims during the period **We** have been on cover, **We** will keep an amount of premium in proportion to the time **You** have been on cover, plus any underwriting fees and refund the rest to **You**.

If **You** are paying by instalments, **Your** instalments will end and if **You** incur eligible claims **You** will either have to continue with the instalments, until the **Policy** renewal date, or **We** may, at **Our** discretion, take the outstanding instalments **You** still owe from any claim payment **We** make.

If **You** pay annually and **You** have received payment for or are in the process of making a claim **You** will not receive any refund of premium.



Our right to cancel your cover

We reserve the right to cancel Your Policy when there is a valid reason to do so. Valid reasons are:

- You provide Us with inaccurate or incomplete information. Please see "Providing accurate and complete information" in the General Conditions section on page 9.
- You make a change to Your information which renders the risk no longer acceptable for **Us** to insure. Please see 'Changes in your Circumstances' on page 11.
- You act in a fraudulent manner. Please see 'Fraud' on page 11 for further information.
- You fail to supply requested validation documents. Please see the Claims Conditions section starting on page 14 for further information.
- You use threatening or abusive behaviour or language towards Our staff or suppliers.

If We cancel Your Policy, We shall provide You with 14 days prior written notice by recorded delivery to Your last known address. Within this notice We will advise You of Our reasons for cancelling Your Policy and any premium refund will be calculated in accordance with the above. If We cancel Your Policy because You have acted in a fraudulent manner We will not return any premium paid by You for the Policy and We may not provide any prior written notice.

Non payment of premiums

We reserve the right to cancel this **Policy** by providing 14 days prior written notice in the event of non-payment of the premium or default if **You** are paying by instalments.

If **We** are unable to collect a payment by instalments **We** will use reasonable endeavours to collect the outstanding payment(s) before exercising **Our** right to cancel the **Policy**.



Claims Conditions

These conditions do not apply to Home Emergency, Legal Expenses and Tenancy Disputes where separate conditions apply.

You must comply with the following claims conditions to have the full protection of **Your Policy**.

If **You** do not comply with them, **We** may take one or more of the following actions:

- Cancel Your Policy.
- Change the terms of **Your Policy**.
- Refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of any claim payment.

The first thing you must do

If property is lost, or theft or malicious damage is suspected, **You** must inform the police as soon as possible and obtain a crime or lost property reference number.

We recommend that **You** check **Your Policy** cover. Check that the loss or damage is covered. This **Policy** contains details of what is covered and how claims are settled.

You should always

- Contact **Us** by telephone on the Helpline shown in **Your** Schedule and the Important Telephone Numbers on page 5 of **Your Policy**. **You** should not delay notification of the claim to **Us** for any reason.
 - Alternatively **You** can send an email to enquiries@cherishinsurance.co.uk. **You** should only notify **Us** by email if **You** do not need urgent assistance.
- Take all reasonable steps to recover missing property.
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent further damage.

Claims process

When **You** telephone **Us** on 0800 197 2770 **We** will do the following:

- i. Take details of the loss.
- ii. Arrange for an approved tradesperson to provide **Us** with an estimate or undertake emergency repairs immediately.
- iii. Instruct an approved supplier to contact **You** if appropriate.
- iv. Where necessary, arrange for someone to call or contact **You** by telephone as soon as possible to discuss **Your** claim. This person may be one of **Our** own claims staff or an independent Chartered Loss Adjuster.



Claims Conditions continued

Emergency process

We provide a 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, Domestic Helpline. By telephoning the Helpline shown in **Your** Schedule and the Important Telephone Numbers on page 5 of **Your Policy**, an approved contractor will be appointed and will effect a temporary repair. You will remain responsible for any call out charges, parts and cost of labour, however these repairs may be covered under the **Policy**.

We should, however, be given the opportunity to inspect the damage before permanent repairs commence or any item is disposed of. Please refer to the Home Emergency section in Your **Policy** for the full terms and conditions.

What you must do after making your claim

- Tell **Us** and provide full details in writing as soon as possible if someone is holding **You** responsible for damage to their property or bodily injury to them and send to **Us** any writ, summons, letter of claim or other document.
- If requested, send written details of **Your** claim to **Us** within 30 days.
- To help assist with dealing with Your claim We may require You to obtain estimates for the replacement or repair of the damaged property.
- We will only ask for information relevant to Your claim and We will pay for any reasonable pre-agreed expenses You incur in providing the above information as part of Your claim.
- If **We** ask **You** must allow **Us**, an approved supplier or a loss adjuster access to inspect the damage to **Your Buildings** or **Contents**.
- To help prove Your claim We may require You to provide documentation as detailed in 'Proof of your claim and its value' below.

Proof of your claim and its value

It is **Your** responsibility to prove any claim. To help prove **Your** claim **We** may require **You** to provide original purchase receipts, invoices, bank or credit card statements, instruction booklets, photographs, proof of authenticity, utility bills, pre-purchase surveys, plans and deeds of Your property or other documents **We** may reasonably require.

What you must not do

- Admit or deny any claim made by someone else against You or make any agreement with them.
- Abandon any property to **Us**.
- Dispose of damaged items as We, an approved supplier or loss adjuster may need to inspect the damage.



Claims Conditions continued

What we are entitled to do

We are entitled to take over any rights in the defence or settlement of any claim and to take proceedings in **Your** name for **Our** benefit against any other party.

We are entitled to take possession of the property insured and deal with any salvage. We may also pursue any claim to recover any amount due from a third party in Your name. We are entitled to retain the right to communicate directly with You regarding Your claim, even in situations where You have appointed a professional representative, such as a loss assessor or claims management company, to act on Your behalf.

We are entitled to assess Your claim based on Our, an approved supplier's or loss adjuster's view and interpretation, even in situations where You have appointed a professional representative, such as a loss assessor or claims management company, to act on Your behalf.



How We Settle Claims

We may repair, reinstate or replace the damaged property. If **We** cannot replace or repair the property **We** may pay **You** for the loss or damage in cash or cash alternative (including vouchers and/or store cards).

Where **We** can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier, but **We** agree to pay **You** a cash or cash alternative settlement, then the payment will not exceed the amount **We** would have paid the preferred supplier.

If no equivalent replacement is available then **We** will pay **You** the full replacement cost of the item with no discount applied.

We may appoint an approved supplier to act on **Our** behalf to validate **Your** claim. They are authorised to arrange a quotation, a repair or a replacement.

The sums insured that apply to **Your Policy** will not be reduced by any claim.

Any permanent repairs made by our approved suppliers are guaranteed.

Landlord's contents

We will settle claims, subject to the **Excess**, for loss or damage to items which are beyond economic repair on the basis of cost as new, as long as:

- The **Landlord's Contents** have been maintained in good repair.
- The amount shown in **Your Policy** Schedule is sufficient to cover the full value of the property.

For **Landlord's Contents** the full value means the current cost to replace all **Your Landlord's Contents** as new.

Buildings

We will settle claims, subject to the **Excess**, for loss or damage to the **Buildings** without taking off an amount for wear and tear, as long as:

- The Buildings have been maintained in good repair.
- The amount or any higher limit shown in Your Policy Schedule is sufficient to cover the full value of the Buildings.

For **Buildings**, full value means the cost of rebuilding if the **Buildings** were completely destroyed. This is not the market value.

Matching sets, suites and carpets

Where items originally purchased as part of a set cannot be matched and an appropriate replacement cannot be sourced, **We** will pay for accompanying items from a bathroom suite, three piece suite, or kitchen unit (excluding kitchen appliances) if one individual item is damaged.

In all other circumstances an individual item from a matching set of articles is regarded as a single item. **We** will pay **You** for individual damaged items but not for undamaged companion pieces.

Where floor coverings are damaged beyond repair only the damaged floor coverings will be replaced and not undamaged floor coverings in adjoining rooms.



No Claims Discount

No claims discount is earned separately under both the Buildings and Landlord's Contents sections of Your Policy. It will increase by one year for each year You have not made a claim up to the maximum number of years allowable.

Any claims under the Home Emergency, Legal Expenses and Tenancy Disputes sections will not affect Your no claims discount.

No claims discount protection

Your Policy automatically includes protected no claims discount.

- You can make one claim in a three year period and Your no claims discount will not be reduced.
- For any second claim in a three year period **Your** no claims discount will be reduced by three years on the section(s) under which You have made the claim, either Buildings or Landlord's Contents or both.
- For any subsequent claim in a three year period **Your** no claims discount will be reduced to nil on the section(s) under which You have made the claim, either Buildings or Landlord's Contents or both.

Scale of no claims discount

Years claim free	Buildings discount	Landlord's Contents discount
0	0%	0%
1	5%	13%
2	10%	19%
3	14%	23%
4	18%	29%
5	24%	33%
6	24%	37%
7	26%	40%
8	28%	43%
9	30%	45%
10	31%	47%



General Exclusions

These exclusions apply throughout **Your Policy**.

We will not pay for:

Riot/civil commotion

Any loss, damage or liability occasioned by or happening through riot or civil commotion outside the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

Sonic bangs

Loss or damage by pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

Reduction in market value

Any reduction in market value of any property following its repair or reinstatement.

Confiscation

Any loss or damage or liability occasioned by or happening through confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities.

The exclusions above do not apply to the following covers

- Liability to Domestic Staff.
- Occupiers and Public liability.
- Property owner's liability.

Radioactive contamination

Loss, damage or liability to any property or any other loss, damage or additional expense following on from the event for which **You** are claiming arising from:

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

War risks

Any loss, damage or liability caused by or happening through war, invasion, act of foreign enemy hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power.



General Exclusions continued

Terrorism

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expenses of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by or happening as a consequence of terrorism or any action taken in controlling preventing or suppressing any acts of terrorism or in any way relating hereto.

For the purpose of this exclusion, 'terrorism' means the use of biological chemical and/or nuclear chemical and/or nuclear force or contamination and/or threat thereof by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with, any organisation(s) or government(s) committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public in fear. However, losses caused by or resulting from riot, attending a strike, civil commotion and malicious damage are not excluded hereunder.

Pollution/contamination

Any loss, damage, liability or bodily injury arising directly or indirectly from pollution or contamination unless caused by the following.

- A sudden and unforeseen and identifiable incident.
- Leakage of oil from a domestic oil installation at Your Home.

Gradual deterioration/maintenance

Any loss or damage caused gradually, or by wear and tear, depreciation, the effects of light or the atmosphere, mould, dry or wet rot or fungus, and costs that arise from the normal use, maintenance and upkeep of **Your Buildings** and its **Contents**.

Deliberate loss or damage

Any loss or damage caused or allowed to be caused – deliberately, wilfully, maliciously, illegally or unlawfully by **You**.

Virtual currencies

Any loss or damage to any virtual currencies including but not limited to crypto-currency, including fluctuations in value



Landlord's Contents Cover

Your Schedule will show if this Section is in force.

What are landlord's contents?

All of the following things are included provided that they belong to You, or **You** are legally responsible for them, and that they are mainly used for private purposes.

Household Goods

This includes furniture, carpets, furnishings and household goods, but does not include Money, Personal Effects and Valuables.

What contents are not covered?

- a. Vehicles and caravans.
- b. Any living creature.
- c. Documents.
- d. Lottery tickets and raffle tickets.
- e. Any part of the structure of the **Buildings** other than fixtures and fittings for which You are responsible.
- f. Tenants' property.
- g. Property more specifically insured by any other insurance.
- h. Computers and computer equipment.

What is the most we will pay?

We will not pay more in total than the Maximum Limit for Landlord's Contents shown in **Your Policy** Schedule for any one claim under covers 1–13, 20 and 21.

For all other covers **We** will pay the additional amounts up to the limits shown.



What is covered	What is not covered
Loss or damage to Your Landlord's Contents while they are in the Home by the following causes:	The amount of the Excess shown in the Schedule (increased for causes 4 and 8) and not applicable for covers 18 and 19.
Fire, smoke, explosion, lightning, earthquake.	Smoke damage arising gradually or out of repeated exposure.
2. Storm or Flood.	2. Loss or damage caused by frost.
3. Theft or attempted theft. Minimum security precautions Endorsement may apply – see Schedule.	 3. a. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied. b. Loss where property is obtained by any person using any form of payment which proves to be counterfeit, false, fraudulent, invalid, uncollectable, irrecoverable or irredeemable for any reason. c. Loss or damage from the Home if any part of it is occupied by anyone other than You or Your tenant unless there has been forcible and violent entry to, or exit from, the Home. d. Loss or damage as a result of any failed online purchase or transaction.
 4. Escape of water from: A fixed: Water installation. Drainage installation. Heating installation. A washing machine, dishwasher, water bed, fridge or freezer. Damage caused by the escape of water is covered but damage to the items themselves is only covered if an insured cause or cover is operative. 	 4. a. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied. b. Loss or damage caused by failure or lack of sealant and/or grout.



What is covered	What is not covered
5. Escape of oil from a fixed oil-fired heating installation including smoke and smudge damage by vaporisation due to a defective oil-fired heating installation. Damage caused by the escape of oil is covered, but damage to the installation is only covered if an insured cause or cover is operative.	5. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied .
6. Malicious persons or vandals. Minimum security precautions Endorsement may apply - see Schedule.	 6. a. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied. b. Malicious damage caused by You. c. Malicious damage caused as a result of any illegal activity.
7. Riot, civil commotion, strikes, labour and political disturbances.	
8. Subsidence or Heave of the site on which the Buildings stand, or Landslip .	8. Loss or damage resulting from coastal or river bank erosion.
 Loss or damage caused by collision by aircraft, aerial devices, road or rail Vehicles (or anything dropped from them), or animals. 	9. Loss or damage caused by:a. Your domestic animals.b. Insects.
10. Falling trees or branches.	10. Loss or damage caused during tree felling, lopping or topping.
 11. Damage to Landlord's Contents caused by breakage or collapse of: i. Satellite dishes. ii. TV or radio aerials, aerial fittings or masts. iii. Lampposts. iv. Telegraph poles. v. Electricity pylons, poles or overhead cables. 	 a. Mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure. b. Damage caused by or in the process of cleaning, maintenance, repair or dismantling. c. Damage to equipment not in or attached to the Buildings. d. Loss or damage to the items themselves. Cover for items in or on the Home may be covered – see cover 12.



What is covered	What is not covered
The following covers are included in this section.	
12. Entertainment equipment Accidental damage to: i. television sets, stereos, home cinema and home entertainment units and radios ii. MP3 players, CD players, record players and tape recorders iii. Blu-ray players, DVD players, video recorders and games consoles and players iv. cable/satellite/digital television receivers v. television aerials and satellite dishes which are owned by You or for which You are legally responsible.	 12. a. Mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure. b. Damage to records, discs, cassettes and tapes. c. Accidental damage or contamination to computers or computer equipment by: i. Erasure or distortion of data. ii. Accidental erasure or mislaying or misfiling of documents or records. iii. Viruses. d. Damage caused by or in the process of cleaning, maintenance, repair, dismantling or altering. e. Loss arising from the cost of remaking any film, disc or tape, or the value of any information contained on it. f. Damage to equipment not in or on the Home. g. Loss or damage by chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or urinating by domestic animals.
13. Mirrors and glass Accidental breakage of: i. Mirrors. ii. Fixed glass in and glass tops of furniture. iii. Ceramic hobs and ceramic tops of cookers. iv. Glass oven doors.	13. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied .
14. Replacement of locks We will pay for the cost of replacing keys and locks or lock mechanisms to: i. External doors and windows of the Home ii. A safe within, or an alarm protecting, the Home following the theft of their keys. We will not pay more than £1,000 for any one claim. Assistance for Emergency Key Replacement for lost keys is provided under Home Emergency.	 14. a. The cost of replacing keys and locks to a garage or Outbuilding. b. Replacement of keys and locks or locking mechanisms due to a tenant not returning the keys of the Home. We will only pay under Landlord's Contents Cover or Buildings Cover if both sections are insured for any one claim.



What is covered	What is not covered
15. Accidental loss of oil and metered water We will pay for accidental loss of domestic heating oil and metered water. We will not pay more than £1,000 for any one claim.	15. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied .
 16. Landlord's Contents in the open Loss or damage by causes 1 and 3-11 to Landlord's Contents while in the open within the boundaries of the land belonging to the Home. We will not pay more than £1,000 for any one claim. Items such as garden furniture, external statues and garden pots are included within this section. Limited cover for plants and trees is provided under cover 20 - Garden Plants. 	 16. a. Loss or damage to plants and trees. b. Loss or damage to audio and audio visual equipment. c. Any loss or damage specifically excluded under Landlord Contents covers 1 and 3–11. d. Any items mentioned under Landlords Contents "What contents are not covered".
 17. Alternative accommodation While the Home cannot be lived in because of loss or damage covered under this section of the Policy, We will pay for: i. The amount of rent (including ground rent and management charges) You lose. ii. The reasonable cost of alternative accommodation for Your tenants. When You require alternative accommodation, We will always discuss this with You. To determine what We mean by the 'reasonable cost of alternative accommodation' there are numerous factors We consider, including: the circumstances of Your claim 	

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What is covered	What is not covered
 the needs of You, Your Family and domestic animals how long You might need the accommodation for what type of accommodation is available and where it is located. We will not pay more than 20% of the Landlord's Contents Sum Insured for any one claim. 	
18. Liability to domestic staff Subject to the limit below, We will pay any amount that You become legally liable to pay as compensation (including claimant's costs and expenses) for death, bodily injury or illness of any Domestic Staff within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. We will pay You up to £10,000,000 (which includes costs and expenses agreed by Us in writing) for any one claim or series of claims arising from any one event or one source or original cause.	 18. Your legal liability to pay compensation or costs for bodily injury (including death) sustained by any Domestic Staff when they are: a. Carried in or on a Vehicle. b. Entering, getting onto, or getting off a Vehicle where such bodily injury or illness (including death) is caused by, or arises out of, Your use of a Vehicle.
 19. Occupiers and public liability We will pay up to £5,000,000 (including costs and expenses agreed by Us in writing) for any one claim, or series of claims, arising from any one event or one source or original cause that You become legally liable to pay as compensation (including claimant's costs and expenses) occurring during the Period of Insurance for accidental: a. Death, bodily injury or illness of any person. b. Damage to material property not belonging to or in the custody or control of You or Domestic Staff arising from: i. The occupation of the Home (but not its ownership). 	 19. Legal liability to pay compensation or costs arising from the following: a. Liability in respect of Your death, bodily injury or illness. b. Any business, trade, profession or employment. c. The transmission of any contagious disease or virus. d. The ownership, possession or use of Vehicles. e. Owning, possessing or using drones including mechanically propelled aerial toys, models or devices. f. Owning, possessing or using caravans. g. Owning, possessing or using any dangerous dogs as listed under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland)



What is covered	What is not covered
ii. Your private pursuits. iii. The employment by You of Domestic Staff .	Order 1983. This includes cross breeds of those listed with any other breed, and any updates or changes that are made to these laws. h. Owning any species of animal not domesticated in the UK. i. Any action for damages brought in a court outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man. j. Any liability which is covered under a more specific policy.
20. Garden plants Loss or damage to plants and trees by causes 1, 3, 6 & 7 while in the open within the boundaries of the land belonging to the Home . We will not pay more than £500 for any one claim.	20. Loss or damage by causes 3 or 6 while the Home is Unoccupied .
21. Emergency entry Loss or damage to the Landlord's Contents caused when the fire, police, or ambulance service has to force an entry to the Buildings because of an emergency involving You or Your tenant.	
22. Accidental loss or damage to Landlord's Contents whilst in the Home .	 22. Any loss or damage specifically excluded under Landlord's Contents causes 1-11 and covers 12-20. Accidental damage or loss: a. By mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure. b. Arising from the cost of remaking any film, disc, or tape or the value of any information contained on it. c. Caused by or in the process of cleaning, maintenance, repair, dismantling, restoring, altering, dyeing or washing.

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What is covered	What is not covered
	 d. By chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or urinating by domestic animals. e. Caused by rot, fungus, infestation, chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or urinating by insects or Vermin. f. To food, drink or plants. g. Specifically covered under Buildings Cover causes 1-11 and covers 12-22. h. Arising from depreciation in value or other loss, damage or additional expense following on from the event for which You are claiming, e.g. costs incurred in preparing the claim or loss of earnings following Your bodily injury or illness. i. While the Home is Unoccupied.



Buildings Cover

Your Schedule will show if this section is in force.

What is the most we will pay?

We will not pay in total more than the Maximum Limit shown for **Buildings** in **Your Policy** Schedule for any one claim under causes 1–11. For covers 14, 17, 18 and 22, We will pay up to the **Buildings** Maximum Limit and for covers 12, 13, 15, 16 and 19-21, **We** will pay up to the limits shown.

What is covered	What is not covered
Loss or damage to the Buildings by the following causes:	The amount of the Excess shown in the Schedule (increased for causes 2 and 4) and not applicable to cover 19-21.
1. Storm or Flood.	 Loss or damage To gates, hedges and fences. By Storm to radio or television aerials or satellite dishes.
 Loss or damage caused by water leaking from or freezing in: A fixed: Water installation. Drainage installation. Heating installation. A washing machine, dishwasher, water bed, fridge or freezer. We will also pay the necessary and reasonable costs that You incur in locating the source of the damage, including the reinstatement of any wall, floor or ceiling removed or damaged during the search.	 4. a. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied. b. Loss or damage caused by failure or lack of sealant and/or grout.



What is covered	What is not covered
 Escape of oil from a fixed oil-fired heating installation including smoke and smudge damage by vaporisation due to a defective oil-fired heating installation. We will also pay the necessary and reasonable costs that You incur in locating the source of the damage including the reinstatement of any wall, floor or ceiling if removed or damaged during the search. We will not pay more than £5,000 for locating the source of damage for any one claim. Damage caused by the escape of oil is covered, but damage to the installation is only covered if an insured cause or cover is operative. 	3. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied .
4. Subsidence or Heave of the site on which the Buildings stand, or Landslip.	 4. Loss or damage: a. Caused by normal Settlement, shrinkage or expansion. b. Resulting from coastal or river bank erosion. c. Arising from construction, structural alteration, repair or demolition. d. Arising from the use of defective materials, defective design, or faulty workmanship. e. To boundary and garden walls, terraces, gates, hedges and fences, paths and drives, artificial lawns, patios, tennis hard courts, swimming pools unless the Home has been damaged at the same time by the same cause. f. To, or resulting from movement of, solid floor slabs and non loadbearing walls unless the foundations beneath the loadbearing walls of the Home are damaged at the same time by the same cause.
5. Theft or attempted theft.	5. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied .
 Loss or damage caused by collision by aircraft, aerial devices, road or rail Vehicles (or anything dropped from them), or animals. 	Loss or damage caused by: a. Your domestic animals. b. Insects.



What is covered	What is not covered
7. Falling trees or branches.	 7. a. The cost of removal if the fallen tree or branch has not caused damage to the Buildings or Contents. b. Loss or damage caused during tree felling, lopping or topping.
8. Breakage or collapse of: i. Satellite dishes. ii. TV or radio aerials, aerial fittings or masts. iii. Lampposts. iv. Telegraph poles. v. Electricity pylons, poles or overhead cables.	8. Loss or damage to the items themselves. Certain items may be covered under the Landlord's Contents Cover section.
9. Fire, smoke, explosion, lightning, earthquake.	9. Smoke damage arising gradually or out of repeated exposure.
10. Malicious persons or vandals.	 10. a. Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied. b. Damage caused by You. c. Malicious damage caused as a result of any illegal activity.
11. Riot, civil commotion, strikes, labour and political disturbances.	
The following covers are included in this section.	
 12. Debris removal and building fees Necessary expenses for rebuilding or repairing the Buildings as a result of damage covered by Buildings Cover for: a. Architects, surveyors, consulting engineers and legal fees. b. The cost of clearing debris from the site or demolishing or shoring up the Buildings. c. The cost to comply with government or local authority requirements incurred following a valid claim for damage under Buildings causes 1-11. We will not pay more than 10% of the Maximum Limit for Buildings for any one claim. 	



What is not covered What is covered 13. Pipes and cables Loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied. Accidental damage to: b. Loss or damage to pitch fibre drains i. Cables. caused by inherent defects in the ii. Drain inspection covers. design, material, construction or iii. Underground drains, pipes or tanks installation of the pipes and drains. providing services to or from the **Home** and for which **You** are If it is discovered that the cause is not responsible. accidental damage then unless one of the other causes is operative there will **We** will also pay up to £5,000 for any be no cover. one claim for necessary and reasonable costs that You incur in locating the Cover for accidental loss of metered source of the damage including the water may apply under Landlord's reinstatement of any wall, drive, fence Contents Cover cause 15. or path removed or damaged during the search. 14. Glass and sanitaryware 14. a. Loss or damage while the **Home** is **Unoccupied**. Accidental breakage of: Damage to property that does not a. Fixed glass in: form part of the **Home**. i. Windows. ii. Doors. Failure of double glazing seals unless iii. Fanlights. there is a breakage of glass. iv. Skylights. v. Greenhouses. vi. Conservatories. vii. Verandahs. b. Fixed ceramic hobs or hob covers. c. Fixed sanitaryware and bathroom fittings.

15. Replacement of locks

We will pay for the cost of replacing kevs and locks or lock mechanisms to external doors and windows of the Home.

We will not pay more than £1,000 for any one claim.

Assistance for Emergency Key Replacement for lost keys is provided under Home Emergency.

15. a. The cost of replacing keys and locks to a garage or **Outbuilding**.

Replacement of keys and locks or locking mechanisms due to a tenant not returning the keys of the **Home**.

We will only pay under Landlord's Contents Cover or Buildings Cover if both sections are insured for any one claim.



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What is covered	What is not covered
16. Alternative accommodation While the Home cannot be lived in	
because of loss or damage covered under this section of the Policy , We will pay for:	
 The amount of rent (including ground rent and management charges) You lose. 	
 b. The reasonable cost of alternative accommodation for Your tenants. 	
When You require alternative accommodation, We will always discuss this with You .	
To determine what We mean by the 'reasonable cost of alternative accommodation' there are numerous factors We consider, including:	
 the circumstances of Your claim 	
 the needs of You, Your Family and domestic animals 	
 how long You might need the accommodation for 	
 what type of accommodation is available and where it is located. 	
We will not pay more than 20% of the Buildings Sum Insured for any one claim.	
17. Emergency entry	
Loss or damage to the Buildings caused when the Fire, Police or Ambulance Service has to force an entry to the Buildings because of an emergency involving You or Your tenant.	
18. Contracting purchaser	
If You have contracted to sell the Home , the purchaser shall have the full protection of Your Policy in respect of the Buildings up to the date of completion of the purchase as long as the Home is not covered by any other insurance.	



What is covered

19. Property owner's liability

Any amount that **You** become legally liable to pay as compensation (including claimant's costs and expenses) arising from **Your** ownership (but not occupation) of the premises which causes accidental bodily injury including death, disease and injury to any person or damage to property.

This includes cover for defective work carried out by **You** or on **Your** behalf to any private residence within the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands disposed of by **You** before the occurrence of bodily injury or damage in connection with such private residence.

We will not pay more than £5,000,000 (including costs and expenses agreed by **Us** in writing) for any claim or series of claims arising from any one event or one source or original cause.

Important

Under this section **We** only provide cover for liability arising from the ownership of **Your Home**. **We** will not cover **Your** liability as the occupier of **Your Home** or **Your** personal liability arising from the private pursuits of **You** or **Your Family**.

Most commonly, the occupier (tenant or occupying owner) of the property and the land belonging to it will be held responsible for liabilities arising from incidents occurring at the property.

Please note that **You** will also need to arrange cover for occupier and/or public liability which most insurers automatically include under contents insurance.

What is not covered

- 19. **Your** legal liability to pay compensation arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a. An agreement which imposes a liability on **You** which **You** would not be under in the absence of such agreement.
 - b. The use of the **Home** for any business, trade, profession or employment purposes.
 - Death, bodily injury or damage caused by lifts, hoists or **Vehicles**.
 - d. Rectifying any fault or alleged fault.
 - e. Any liability which is covered under a more specific policy.



What is covered

20. Liability to domestic staff

Subject to the limit below, **We** will pay any amount that **You** become legally liable to pay as compensation (including claimant's costs and expenses) for death, bodily injury or illness of any **Domestic Staff** within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

We will pay **You** up to £10,000,000 (which includes costs and expenses agreed by **Us** in writing) for any one claim or series of claims arising from any one event or one source or original cause.

This cover is only operative if Landlord's Contents Cover is not insured.

What is not covered

- 20. **Your** legal liability to pay compensation or **Costs** for bodily injury (including death) sustained by any **Domestic Staff** when they are:
 - a. Carried in or on a **Vehicle**.
 - b. Entering, getting onto, or getting off a **Vehicle** where such bodily injury or illness (including death) is caused by or arises out of Your use of a Vehicle.

21. Liability to the public

We will pay up to £5,000,000 (including costs and expenses agreed by **Us** in writing) for any one claim or series of claims, arising from any one event, one source, or original cause that **You** become legally liable to pay as compensation (including claimant's costs and expenses) occurring during the **Period** of Insurance for accidental:

- a. Death, bodily injury or illness of any person.
- b. Damage to material property not belonging to, or in the custody or control of, You or Domestic **Staff** arising from:
 - i. The occupation of the **Home** (but not its ownership).
 - ii. Your private pursuits.
 - iii. The employment by **You** of **Domestic Staff.**

This cover is only operative if Landlord's Contents Cover is not insured.

- 21. Legal liability to pay compensation or costs arising from the following:
 - a. Any business, trade, profession or employment.
 - b. The transmission of any contagious disease or virus.
 - c. Owning, possessing or using a Vehicle.
 - d. Owning, possessing or using caravans.
 - e. Owning, possessing or using a dangerous dog of one of the following breeds: Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro and cross breeds of these with any other breed.
 - f. Owning any species of animal not domesticated in the UK.
 - g. Any action for damages brought in a court outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.



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What is covered	What is not covered
22. Accidental damage to the Buildings .	22. Accidental damage:
	a. Specifically excluded under Buildings Cover .
	b. By frost.
	c. By wear and tear or gradually developing deterioration, Settlement or shrinkage of the Buildings .
	d. By insects or Vermin .
	e. By chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or urinating by domestic animals.
	f. By mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure.
	g. Specifically covered elsewhere in this Policy .
	h. Arising from the alteration or extension of the Buildings or the cost of maintenance or routine decoration.
	 Arising from faulty workmanship, defective design or use of defective materials.
	j. Whilst the Home is Unoccupied .



Home Emergency

This **Policy** is underwritten by Inter Partner Assistance S.A., which is authorised and regulated by the National Bank of Belgium, with a registered head office at Boulevard du Régent 7, 1000 Brussels, Belgium. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority (firm reference number 202664). Subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Inter Partner Assistance S.A. UK branch office address is 106-118 Station Road, Redhill, RH1 1PR.

The assistance services described in this **Policy** are provided by AXA Assistance (UK) Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. AXA Assistance (UK) Limited's firm register number is 439069, with its registered office at 106-118 Station Road, Redhill, RH1 1PR. It is registered in England under company number 02638890.

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Definitions

Additional definitions applicable to this section only.

Where **We** explain what a word means, that word will have the same meaning wherever it is used in the **Policy** or Schedule. These words are highlighted by the use of **bold print** and start with a capital letter. Definitions are listed alphabetically.

Authorised Tradesperson	A tradesperson authorised in advance to carry out repairs
	under this Policy

Beyond Economical Repair The point at which **We** deem the cost to repair **Your** boiler exceeds it value.

Covered Events	Emergency to essential services within the insured Property
	shown on the Schedule.

Emergency	The result of a sudden and unforeseen incident at the
	Property which immediately:

- a. Exposes **You** or a third party to a risk to **Your** or their health or;
- b. Creates a risk of or loss of or damage to the **Property** and/or any of **Your** belongings, or
- c. Renders the **Property** uninhabitable.

Emergency Repairs Work undertaken by an **Authorised Tradesperson** to resolve the **Emergency** by completing a **Temporary Repair**.

Local Territory	United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man,
	and the Channel Islands). In the Isle of Man and the Channel
	Islands, please note it is more likely that We will settle Your

claim on a Reimbursement Basis.

Period of Insurance One year from the start or renewal date shown on **Your**

Policy Schedule.

Permanent Repair Repairs and/or work required to put right the fault which

caused the **Emergency** on a permanent basis.



Property

The private dwelling used for domestic purposes, excluding garage, garden and outbuildings as shown on **Your** Policy Schedule.

Reimbursement Basis

In certain cases, We may not fully or directly arrange assistance on Your behalf following an Emergency. With Our agents' prior agreement, and subject to **You** providing fully itemised invoices or receipts as specified in the General Conditions, **We** will instead reimburse **You** for the expenses **You** incurred as a direct result of the **Emergency** up to the limits specified in this **Policy** wording. This can be either;

- a. where not possible for **Us** to directly arrange for **Your** problem to be resolved (either because **We** do not have an **Authorised Tradesperson** in **Your** geographical area who is suitable for dealing with **Your** specific **Emergency**, or cannot provide assistance quickly for other reasons), as a contribution for **You** to arrange and pay for **Your** own assistance or repair. This will be in full and final settlement of Your claim; and/or
- b. in the event of a claim for temporary accommodation after an **Emergency**, or replacement of **Your** heating equipment if deemed **Beyond Economic Repair**, after **You** arrange and pay for these yourself.

Temporary Repair

A repair undertaken by an **Authorised Tradesperson** which will resolve an emergency but will need to be replaced by a **Permanent Repair**.

We/Us/Our

Inter Partner Assistance S.A. UK Branch and AXA Assistance (UK) Limited, whose registered address is The Quadrangle, 106-118 Station Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1PR.

You/Your

The person or persons named in the Schedule as the Policyholder.

General conditions

- a. We will only pay costs which are incurred as a direct consequence of the event which led to the claim You are making under this Policy up to the Policy limit shown in the sections entitled "Home Emergency".
- b. No costs for repairs are payable under this insurance, unless **We** have been notified by You or a person calling on Your behalf through the 24 hour claims service telephone number provided and We have approved an Authorised Tradesperson in advance to make a Temporary or Permanent Repair.
- c. Claims may not be made under this **Policy** for the first 14 days unless **You** are renewing an existing **Policy**.



- d. You must quote Your Policy number when calling for help. You must produce the relevant identification including boiler service receipts on the demand of the **Authorised Tradesperson** or **Our** other nominated agent.
- e. If any loss, damage or expense covered under this insurance **Policy** is also covered by any other insurance or maintenance contract, **We** will not pay more than **Our** fair share of any claim.
- This insurance does not cover normal day to day maintenance at Your Property that You should do. Nor does it pay for replacing items that wear out over a period of time or replacement parts on a like for like basis where the replacement is necessary to resolve the immediate **Emergency**.
- g. You must co-operate with Us in obtaining reimbursement of any costs We incur under the terms of this cover, which may have been caused by the action of a third party against whom **You** have a legal right of action.
- h. During any 12 month period **We** will not be responsible for more than three claims.

Domestic emergency

If You suffer a covered event at Your Property, You should tell Us on the Emergency telephone number.

We will then do the following:

- a. Advise You about how to protect yourself and the Property immediately.
- b. Organise and pay up to £1,500 including VAT, call out, labour, parts and materials to carry out an Emergency Temporary Repair, or if at a similar expense an Emergency **Permanent Repair.**

If the **Temporary Repair** will cost more than £1,500 including VAT to complete **We** will advise You how much, in total, the repair will cost. We will proceed with the repair only if **You** agree to pay the amount over £1,500.



What is covered

The **Covered Events** are listed below:

- 1. Plumbing problems related to leaking pipes, blocked drains or leaking radiators.
- 2. Blockages in toilet waste pipes.
- 3. Broken or damaged windows, doors and locks presenting a security risk to the property.
- 4. Complete electricity failure within the property.
- 5. Complete central heating or boiler failure. You are also covered for a primary system running on air, ground or water source heat pumps, however We may settle claims for these types of energy on a Reimbursement Basis if We do not have a suitable Authorised Tradesperson locally to You.
- 6. Hot water failure.
- 7. Animals or insects that are destructive in their natural behaviour or considered as pests or nuisances: brown rats, black rats, house mice, field mice, squirrels, wasp nests and hornet nests only.

There are conditions and exclusions which limit **Your** cover. Please read them carefully to ensure this cover meets **Your** needs. **We** do not wish **You** to discover after an incident has occurred that it is not insured.

The Home Emergency **Policy** is not a maintenance contract.

What is not covered

The following are excluded from the insurance:

- Any leaking or dripping tap that needs a new washer or replacing external overflows or replacing of boilers, cylinders, tanks, radiators and sanitaryware.
- 2. External overflows, external guttering.
- 3. Burst or leaking flexible hoses which can be isolated or leaking washing appliances.
- 4. External water supply pipes after the internal stop tap.
- 5. Septic tanks and swimming pool installations.
- Failure of boilers or heating systems that have not been inspected or serviced by a qualified person within the 12 months prior to **Your** claim, **You** will be asked to produce the evidence at the time of the claim.
- 7. Boilers over 15 years old.
- 8. Boilers that are beyond economical repair.
- 9. Shared water/drainage facilities.
- 10. Material/labour charges covered by manufacturers/suppliers/installers.
- 11. Replacement of light bulbs and fuses in plugs.
- 12 Any failure of electricity that affects only part of the property.
- 13. Descaling and any work arising from hard water scale deposits (including power flushing) or from damage caused by aggressive water or sludge resulting from corrosion. Signs that work is needed may include a noisy boiler, sludged up pipes or poor circulation.
- 14. Loss, damage to windows, doors or locks for outbuildings garages and sheds.
- 15. Pests outside the main dwelling e.g. in the garages and other outbuildings.



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What is covered	What is not covered
	 Breakdown or loss of or damage to domestic appliances (including showers), saniflow toilets and other mechanical equipment.
	17. Any breakdown to flushing mechanisms of toilets.
	Damage to boundary walls, hedges, fences or gates.
	19. LPG fuelled, oil fired, warm air, solar and unvented heating systems or boilers with an output over 60 Kw/hr.
	20. Electricity supply to, or failure of, burglar/fire alarm systems, CCTV surveillance or to swimming pools and their plumbing or filtration systems.
	We will not be liable for any of the following:
	 Any system, equipment, or facility, which has not been properly installed, or which is faulty or inadequate as a result of any manufacturing or design fault.
	 Any circumstances in which making Emergency Repairs would contravene health and safety regulations and legislation or where a specialist contractor is required.
	 c. Loss or damage arising from circumstances known to You prior to the start date of this insurance.
	 Replacement of boilers, cylinders, tanks, radiators, kitchen appliances and sanitaryware.
	e. The cost of replacement parts due to natural wear and tear.
	f. Loss or damage however caused to personal items, like paintings, electrical goods, jewellery, clothing, etc.
	g. Any loss or damage to Your property as a result of the Emergency .
	h. Any loss due to faulty installation of Your plumbing, heating, electrical system within the property.
	 Any faulty installation of a kitchen appliance.



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What is covered	What is not covered
	j. Loss or damage arising from disconnection or interruption of mains services by the deliberate act of the utility company concerned or any equipment or services which are the responsibility or property of the utility company.
	k. Any cost relating to the attempted repair by You or Your own contractor.
	I. Any defect, damage or failure caused by malicious or wilful action, negligence, misuse, third party interference, or faulty workmanship, including any attempted repair or modification which does not comply with recognised industry standards.
	 m. Any Emergency in a property that has been Unoccupied for more than 60 consecutive days.
	n. Any loss arising from Subsidence caused by bedding down of new structures, demolition or structural repairs or alteration to the Property , faulty workmanship or the use of defective materials, or river or coastal erosion.
	o. Any loss or damage arising as a consequence of war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, terrorism, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, coup, riot or civil disturbance; ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from combustion of nuclear fuel, the radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any other explosive nuclear assembly or its nuclear component.
	p. We will not provide cover, pay any claim or provide any benefit if doing so would expose 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 or United States of America.



How to make a claim

To obtain **Emergency** assistance contact the 24 hour **Emergency** Helpline on 0300 303 2952.

You should have the following information available upon request:

- a. Your name and Property postcode.
- b. Your Policy number.
- c. An indication as to the nature of the problem.

Our promise

We make every effort to provide **You** with the highest standards of service. If on any occasion **Our** service falls below the standard **You** should expect **Us** to meet, the following procedure explains what **You** should do.

Complaints procedure

You can write to the Customer Relations Manager, who will arrange an investigation on behalf of the General Manager, at:

Inter Partner Assistance S.A. UK Branch The Quadrangle 106-118 Station Road Redhill Surrey RH1 1PR

Phone: 01737 815913

Email: homeemergencycomplaints@axa-assistance.co.uk

If **We** are unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion, **You** have the right to make an appeal to the Financial Ombudsman Service by writing to:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR UK

Phone: 0800 023 4567

E-mail: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk Website: https://help.financial-ombudsman.org.uk



Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in the unlikely event **We** cannot meet **Our** obligations to **You**. This depends on the type of insurance and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk) or call them on 0207 741 4100.

Data Protection

Details of **You**, **Your** insurance cover under this policy and claims will be held by **Us** (acting as data controllers) for underwriting, policy administration, claims handling, providing home emergency assistance, complaints handling, sanctions checking and fraud prevention, subject to the provisions of applicable data protection law and in accordance with the assurances contained in **Our** website privacy notice (see below).

We collect and process these details as necessary for performance of **Our** contract of insurance with **You** or complying with **Our** legal obligations, or otherwise in our legitimate interests in managing our business and providing **Our** products and services.

These activities may include:

- a. use of sensitive information about the health or vulnerability of You or others involved in Your home Emergency, in order to provide the services described in this Policy. By using Our services, You consent to Us using such information for these purposes;
- b. disclosure of information about You and Your insurance cover to companies within the AXA group of companies, to Our service providers and agents in order to administer and service Your insurance cover, to provide You with home Emergency assistance, for fraud prevention, to collect payments, and otherwise as required or permitted by applicable law;
- c. monitoring and/or recording of **Your** telephone calls in relation to cover for the purposes of record-keeping, training and quality control;
- d. obtaining and storing any relevant and appropriate photographic evidence of the condition of **Your** property which is the subject of the claim, for the purpose of providing services under this **Policy** and validating **Your** claim; and
- e. sending **You** feedback requests or surveys relating to **Our** services, and other customer care communications.

We will separately seek **Your** consent before using or disclosing **Your** personal data to another party for the purpose of contacting **You** about other products or services (direct marketing). Marketing activities may include matching **Your** data with information from public sources, in order to send **You** relevant communications. **You** may withdraw **Your** consent to marketing at any time, or opt-out of feedback requests, by contacting the Data Protection Officer (see contact details below).

We carry out these activities within the UK and both within and outside of the EEA (the European Union plus Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland) and Switzerland, across which the data protection laws provide a similar level of protection.



By purchasing this **Policy** and using **Our** services, **You** acknowledge that **We** may use **Your** personal data, and consent to Our use of sensitive information, both as described above. If You provide **Us** with details of other individuals, **You** agree to inform them of **Our** use of their data as described here and in **Our** website privacy notice (see below).

You are entitled on request to a copy of the information **We** hold about **You**, and **You** have other rights in relation to how **We** use **Your** data (as set out in our website privacy notice – see below). Please let **Us** know if **You** think any information **We** hold about **You** is inaccurate, so that **We** can correct it.

If You want to know what information is held about You by Inter Partner Assistance S.A. UK Branch or AXA Assistance, please write to **Us** at:

Data Protection Officer The Ouadrangle 106-118 Station Road Redhill RH1 1PR UK

Email: dataprotectionenquiries@axa-assistance.co.uk

Our full privacy notice is available at: https://www.axa-assistance.co.uk. Alternatively, a hard copy is available from **Us** on request.



Legal Expenses & Tenancy Disputes

Your Insurer under this section is AmTrust Specialty Limited.

Definitions

Where **We** explain what a word means, that word will appear highlighted in **bold print** and will have the same meaning wherever it is used in this section.

These definitions apply to the Legal Expenses and Tenancy Disputes section only and are listed alphabetically.

Adviser Our panel solicitor, their agents or an appropriately qualified person,

firm, or company appointed by **Arc** to act for **You**.

Advisers' Costs Reasonable legal fees incurred by the **Adviser** up to the hourly rate

> shown in the **Arc** fee scale and payments essential to **Your** case. Legal costs shall be assessed on the standard basis and third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against You and paid on the standard

basis of assessment.

Arc Legal Assistance Limited who administer claims under this section Arc

on **Our** behalf.

Data Protection

Legislation

The relevant data protection legislation in force within the **Territorial Limits** where this cover applies at the time of the **Insured Incident**.

Dilapidations

Inventory

A full and detailed inventory of **Your** contents and their condition within the **Insured Property** which has been signed by the tenant.

Disclosure Breach Disclosing false information or failing to disclose relevant information

in the process of entering into this insurance contract.

Guarantor The individual or organisation assigned to the tenancy agreement

> that has received a tenant reference and provided a financial guarantee of the tenant's performance of their obligations under

the tenancy agreement.

Insured/You/Your The individual or organisation shown in your **Policy** Schedule as the

> policyholder and defined in the tenancy agreement as the Landlord. If you die, your personal representatives will be covered to pursue cases covered by this section on behalf of you that arose prior to

your death.

Insured Incident The incident or the first of a series of incidents related by cause or

time which may lead to a claim.

Insured Property The insured property as shown in **Your** policy Schedule.



Insurer/We/Us/Our

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Period of Insurance

The **Period of Insurance** declared to and accepted by **Us**, which runs concurrently with the period of the underlying insurance policy to which this legal expenses insurance attaches. For the avoidance of doubt, if the underlying policy is cancelled, suspended or withdrawn, this legal expenses insurance will also be cancelled, suspended or withdrawn.

Proceedings

The pursuit of civil legal cases for damages or injunctions and the defence of criminal prosecutions.

Tenant Reference

A credit check against the tenant and any **Guarantor** obtained from a licensed credit referencing company showing no County Court Judgments and no outstanding County Court Judgements in the past three years (whether satisfied or not). The tenant reference must also include copies of two forms of identification, one of which must contain a photograph, and a written employers' reference confirming their permanent and current employment and that their salary is at least a multiple of 2.5 of the tenant's rent.

If all of the above are not available or in the case of student tenants, or tenants receiving any housing related government benefit, a full tenant reference showing a pass on the tenant and Guarantor must be obtained from an **Arc** approved Tenant Referencing Company. Details of these companies are available by referring to the Arc website: https://claims.arclegal.co.uk/home



Legal Helpline

You can contact **Our** helpline on 0330 024 8694 for advice on any problem or concern in connection with the **Insured Property**. Please quote 'Cherish Residential Landlord Insurance' when **You** call. The helpline is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

Specialist lawyers are at hand to help **You**. If **You** need a lawyer to act for **You** and if **Your** problem is covered under this insurance, **We** will ask **You** to complete a claim form. If **Your** problem is not covered under this insurance, the helpline may be able to offer **You** assistance under a private funding arrangement.

The legal helpline is provided by Arc Legal Assistance.

We will monitor and record calls that are made to Us for training and other lawful purposes.

Legal Document Service

Create **Your** own legal documents to assist in a range of potential disputes or legal situations that **You** may encounter.

You can access this service by logging on to https://landlord-docs.arclegal.co.uk

Please use the following access code AXAMLB to access the Legal Document Service. If **You** have not accessed the Legal Document Service before, please ensure **You** register as a new user.



What is covered

We will pay up to £50,000 for any one Insured Incident to cover Advisers' Costs where:

- The Insured Incident takes place in the Period of Insurance and within the United Kingdom
- 2. The **Proceedings** take place in the United Kingdom.

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to pursue Proceedings for nuisance or trespass against the person or organisation infringing Your legal rights in relation to the Insured Property.

The nuisance or trespass must have commenced at least 180 days after **You** first purchased this insurance.

There is no cover arising from a dispute relating to a tenancy agreement or any other lease or licence to occupy property or land.

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to defend Criminal Prosecutions brought against You in relation to the Insured Property under:

- a. The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1994.
- b. The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Amendments Regulations 1993.
- c. The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1994.

And later amending regulations or their equivalent outside of England and Wales but within the United Kingdom.

You must take all reasonable steps to comply with these regulations and keep evidence of this.

Tenancy disputes

We will pay up to £50,000 for any one **Insured Incident** to cover **Advisers' Costs** to pursue **Proceedings** against a tenant or **Guarantor** where the tenant fails to perform their obligations set out in the **Tenancy Agreement** relating to the rightful occupation of the **Insured Property**.

What is not covered

- 1. There is no cover where:
 - Your act, omission or delay prejudices Your or Our position in connection with the Proceedings or prolongs the length of the claim.
 - b. The **Insured Incident** began to occur or had occurred before **You** purchased this insurance.
 - c. **You** should reasonably have realised when purchasing this insurance that a claim might occur.
 - d. **You** do not give proper information to **Arc** or to the **Adviser**.
 - e. **You** have breached a condition relating to this section of **Your Policy**.
 - f. **Advisers' Costs** have not been agreed in advance or are above those for which **Arc** has given its prior written warning.
 - g. The Insured Incident occurs within the first 90 days of the Period of Insurance where the Tenancy Agreement started before the Period of Insurance unless You had continuous previous insurance.
- 2. There is no cover for any claim arising from:
 - Works undertaken or to be undertaken by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
 - b. Planning law.
 - c. Structural alteration to buildings.
 - d. Anything said or written about You.
 - e. Divorce, matrimonial or family matters or **Proceedings**.
 - f. Any ventures or business projects unrelated to **Your** activities as a landlord.
 - g. A dispute between persons insured under this policy.
 - h. An application for Judicial Review.



What is covered	What is not covered
	 i. A novel point of law. j. Something You have done, knowing it to be wrongful or ignoring that possibility.
	3. There is no cover:
	 For any claim which is not reported to Arc within 180 days of the Insured Incident or 45 days for claims under Tenancy Disputes.
	 For Advisers' Costs incurred in avoidable correspondence or which are recoverable from a court, tribunal or other party.
	 Arising from a dispute between You and Your managing agent or mortgage lender.
	d. For damages, interest, fines or costs awarded in criminal courts.
	e. Where You have other legal costs insurance cover.
	 f. For claims made by or against Your Insurance intermediary, Us, the Adviser or Arc.
	g. For appeals without the prior written consent of Arc .
	h. Prior to the issue of court Proceedings or unless a conflict of interest arises, for the costs of any legal representative other than those of the Adviser unless expressly agreed by Arc . Such agreement is entirely at Arc's discretion.
	 i. Where a reasonable estimate of Your Advisers' Costs of acting for You is more than the amount in dispute.
	4. We will not cover an Insured Incident :
	 a. Where You fail to provide evidence that You successfully completed a Tenant Reference on the Tenant (and Guarantor if required) prior to the start of the Tenancy Agreement or where the Tenancy



What is covered	What is not covered
	Agreement started more than 31 days after the Tenant Reference .
	b. Arising from or connected to the performance of Your obligations under the Tenancy Agreement or where there are insufficient prospects of success in the Proceedings due to the terms of the Tenancy Agreement being unenforceable.
	 Arising from dilapidations unless the missing or damaged items were contained within a Dilapidations Inventory.
	 d. Where the amount in dispute is less than £250 including VAT.
	e. Falling within the jurisdiction of the Rent Assessment Committee, the Lands Tribunal or the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal or their equivalent outside of England and Wales but within the United Kingdom.
	f. Relating to the payment or non payment of service charges as defined within the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (as amended) or equivalent Act outside of England and Wales but within the United Kingdom.
	g. Where the Insured Property is not solely residential.
	h. Where the Tenant is not aged 18 years or over.
	 Relating to any occupant of the Insured Property over the age of 18 other than the Tenant.
	j. Where You fail to follow the advice of the Adviser or take any action suggested by the Adviser or Arc to recover possession of the Insured Property as promptly as possible.
	 k. Once You have recovered possession of the Insured Property.



What is covered	What is not covered
	 If You or Your agent are in breach of Section 213 of the Housing Act 2004 (and any amending legislation) in relation to the Deposit.
	m. Where You have allowed the Tenant into possession of the Insured Property before the Tenancy Agreement has been signed by all parties, a Tenant Reference has been obtained, all necessary statutory pre-grant notices to the Tenant have been issued, the first months Rent and the Deposit have been received in cash or cleared funds and the Dilapidations Inventory has been signed by the Tenant.
	n. Where You have failed to keep full and up to date rental records or have allowed the Tenancy Agreement to be transferred to any other individual or organisation unless all other terms of this section have been complied with.
	 o. If You or Your managing agent gave any false or misleading information when You applied for the Tenant Reference.
	p. Where the Tenant received a Tenant Reference subject to a Guarantor and the Guarantor was not correctly assigned to the Tenancy Agreement.
	q. In relation to dilapidations by the Tenant to the Insured Property or its contents where You have a policy of insurance that covers the dilapidations.
	Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
	A person who is not a party to this contract has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this contract but this does not affect any



What is covered	What is not covered
	right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available other than by virtue of this Act.
	6. Sanctions
	We will not provide cover, pay any claim or provide any benefit if doing so would expose 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 or United States of America.



General conditions

1. Dealing with your claim

- a. You must notify claims as soon as possible within 180 days (or 45 days for claims under Tenancy Disputes) of the **Insured Incident**. **You** must complete a claim form and return it to **Us** promptly with all relevant information.
- b. You and/or Your agent must attend any court hearing in relation to an Insured **Incident** if requested to do so by **Arc** or the **Adviser**. Failure to do this will result in all cover under this section being withdrawn with immediate effect and no further claim payments being made.
- c. Arc may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the Proceedings in Your name. Subject to **Your** consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld **Arc** may reach a settlement of the **Proceedings**.
- d. You must supply at Your own expense all of the information which Arc reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. If court **Proceedings** are required and You wish to nominate an alternative Adviser to act for You, You may do so. The Adviser must represent You in accordance with Arc's standard conditions of appointment available on request.

The **Adviser** will:

- Provide a detailed view of **Your** prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgment obtained.
- ii. Keep Arc fully advised of all developments and provide such information as Arc may require.
- iii. Keep **Arc** regularly advised of **Advisers' Costs** incurred.
- iv. Advise Arc of any offers to settle and payments in to court. If contrary to Arc's advice such offers or payments are not accepted there shall be no further cover for Advisers' Costs unless Arc agree in their absolute discretion to allow the case to proceed.
- v. Submit bills for assessment or certification by the appropriate body if requested by **Arc**.
- vi. Attempt recovery of costs from third parties.
- e. In the event of a dispute over **Advisers' Costs**, **Arc** may require **You** to change **Adviser**.
- f. We shall only be liable for costs expressly authorised by Arc in writing and undertaken while there are prospects of success.
- g. You shall supply all information requested by the Adviser and Arc.
- h. You are liable for any Advisers' Costs if You withdraw from Proceedings without Arc's prior consent. You will need to reimburse any costs already paid by Arc.



2. Disputes

If a complaint cannot be dealt with by the Financial Ombudsman Service (see 'How to Make a Claim'), any dispute between You and Us may, where We both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who will be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration will be binding and carried out under the Arbitration Act. The costs of the arbitration will be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

3. Prospects of Success

At any time **We** may, but only when supported by independent legal advice, form the view that **You** do not have a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, We may decline support or any further support. Examples of a positive outcome are:

- a. Being able to recover the amount of money at stake.
- b. Being able to enforce a judgement.
- c. Being able to achieve an outcome which best serves **Your** interests.

4. Proportionality

We will only pay Advisers' Costs that are proportionate to the amount of damages that You are claiming in the Legal Action. Advisers' Costs in excess of the amount of damages that **You** are able to claim from **Your** opponent will not be covered.

5. Disclosure

If You fail to disclose relevant information or You disclose false information in relation to this policy, **We**, or the broker, may:

- a. Cancel the contract and keep the premiums if the Disclosure Breach is deliberate or reckless.
- b. Cancel the contract but return the premiums proportionately if this contract would not have been entered into had the **Disclosure Breach** been known.
- c. Amend the terms of the contract accordingly if the contract would have been entered into on different terms had the **Disclosure Breach** been known.
- d. Proportionately reduce the amount You are entitled to in the event of a successful claim if a higher premium would have been charged had the Disclosure Breach been known.



6. Fraud

In the event of fraud, We:

- a. Will not be liable to pay the fraudulent claim.
- b. May recover any sums paid to **You** in respect of the fraudulent claim.
- c. May cancel this policy with effect from the fraudulent act and keep all premiums paid to **Us**.
- d. Will no longer be liable to **You** in any regard after the fraudulent act.

7. Other Insurances

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another legal expenses policy, or would have been covered if this policy did not exist, We will only pay Our share of the claim even if the other insurer refuses the claim.

8. English Law and Language

This contract is governed by English Law and the language for contractual terms and communication will be English.

9. Change in Law

Cover under this policy is based on laws and regulations in force at the time that it was written. If **We** believe that any subsequent change in law or regulations results in the scope of cover being either restricted or broadened, We reserve the right to accept claims where the change restricts the cover under this policy and reject claims where the change provides a benefit which did not previously exist.

How to make a claim

As soon as You have a legal problem that You may require assistance with, You should telephone the legal advice line on 03300 248 694 and quote "Cherish Residential Landlord Insurance".

We will send You a claim form by email, fax or post within 24 hours. Please complete and return it along with any supporting documents within five days of receiving it.

To maintain an accurate record, **Your** telephone calls may be recorded.

Your claim will then be assessed and if accepted a solicitor will be appointed to act for You.

Claim forms can also be obtained from: https://claims.arclegal.co.uk



Privacy and Data Protection Notice

For the purpose of this Privacy and Data Protection Notice only, 'We' means Arc Legal Assistance and the **Insurer**.

Data Protection

We will keep Your personal information safe and private. There are laws that protect Your privacy and **We** follow them carefully. Under the laws, **We** are the company responsible for handling Your information (Data Controller). Here is a simple explanation of how We use **Your** personal information.

For more information visit Our website https://www.arclegal.co.uk/privacy-policy/ and the **Insurer's** website https://amtrustinternational.com/dpn.

What we do with your personal information

We might need to use the information We have about You for different reasons. For example, **W**e might need it:

- To run through **Our** computerised system to decide if **We** can offer **You** this insurance.
- To help **You** if **You** have any gueries or want to make a claim.
- To give **You** information, products or services if **You** ask **Us** to.
- For research or statistics.

We will need it:

- To provide this insurance.
- To contact **You** to ask if **You** want to renew it.
- To protect both **You** and **Us** against fraud and money laundering.
- To comply with the law and any regulations that apply.

There are some types of personal information that are extremely private/sensitive and important such as information about **Your** health or any criminal convictions **You** might have. **We** might need this kind of information to decide if **We** can offer **You** this insurance or to help **You** with a claim. We will only use this information for these specific reasons and in line with regulatory conditions.

We might need to share Your information with other companies or people who provide a service to **Us**, or to **You** on **Our** behalf. They include companies that are part of **Our** group, people **We** work with, insurance brokers, Our agents, reinsurers, credit agencies, medical professionals, insurance reference bureaus, fraud detection agencies, regulatory authorities and anyone else We might need to share it with by law. We will only share Your information with them if We need to and if it is allowed by law.

Sometimes **We** might need to send **Your** information to another country outside of the UK and the EEA (European Economic Area) so that it can be processed, (stored etc). We currently send it to the USA and Israel. We make sure that Your information is always kept safely and treated in line with the law and this notice.



You can tell Us if You do not want Us to use Your information for marketing. You can also ask Us to give You the information We have about You and, if there are any mistakes or updates, You can ask Us to correct them. You can also ask Us to delete Your information (although there are some things We cannot delete). You can also ask Us to give Your information to someone else involved in Your insurance. If You think We did something wrong with Your information, You can complain to the local data protection authority.

We will not keep **Your** information longer than **We** need to. **We** will usually keep it for 10 years after **Your** insurance ends unless **We** have to keep it longer for other business or regulatory reasons.

If **You** have any questions about how **We** use **Your** information, **You** can contact **Our** Data Protection Officer.

Complaints procedure

If **You** are not happy with any part of the service **You** have received **You** should contact **Us** at the address below. **We** will send a full response within five working days or tell **You** within that time when **You** can expect a response.

Arc Legal Assistance Limited PO Box 8921 Colchester CO4 5YD

Tel 01206 615000

Email customerservice@arclegal.co.uk

If **We** cannot sort out **Your** complaint **You** may refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service at:

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

Tel 0300 123 9123 or 0800 023 4567

Fax 020 7964 1001

Email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

This does not affect **Your** legal rights.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

The **Insurer** is covered by the FSCS. If it fails to carry out its responsibilities under this legal expenses cover, **You** might be entitled to compensation from the FSCS. Information about the scheme is available at www.fscs.org.uk or by phone on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100.



Making a Complaint

Cherish Insurance Services and AXA Insurance aim to provide the highest standard of service to every customer.

We realise that things can go wrong and there may be occasions when **You** feel that **We** have not provided the service **You** expected. When this happens **We** want to hear about it so that **We** can try to put things right.

If your complaint relates to:	Please contact:
How Your Policy was sold or administered for You	Complaints Resolution Manager 52-56 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2EB Tel 0800 208 8477 Email MGAcomplaints@bbrown.com
Your Policy or a claim on Your Policy in respect of: Landlord's Contents Cover Buildings Cover	Head of Complaints AXA Insurance UK plc Civic Drive Ipswich IP1 2AN Tel 01473 205926 Fax 01473 205101 Email customercare@axa-insurance.co.uk
Your Policy or a claim on Your Policy in respect of: • Home Emergency	Head of Customer Relations AXA Assistance (UK) Limited The Quadrangle 106 - 118 Station Road Redhill Surrey RH1 1PR Tel 01737 815913 Email homeemergencycomplaints@ axa-assistance.co.uk
Your Policy or a claim on Your Policy in respect of: Legal Expenses Tenancy Disputes	Customer Services Arc Legal Assistance Limited PO Box 8921 Colchester CO4 5YD Tel 01206 615000 Email customerservice@arclegal.co.uk

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Making a Complaint continued

When you make contact, please provide the following information:

- Your name, address, postcode, telephone number and email address.
- The type of Policy and Your Policy and/or claim number.
- The reason for **Your** complaint.

Any written correspondence should be headed 'COMPLAINT' and **You** may include copies of supporting material.

Beyond AXA or Cherish

Should **You** remain dissatisfied following **Our** written response **You** may be eligible to refer **Your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

The FOS is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products. **You** have six months from the date of **Our** final response to refer **Your** complaint to the FOS. This does not affect **Your** right to take legal action.

If **We** cannot resolve **Your** complaint **You** may refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service at the address given below:

Mail Financial Ombudsman Service

Exchange Tower

Harbour Exchange Square

London E14 9SR

Tel 0300 123 9123 or 0800 023 4567

Fax 020 7964 1001

Email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk Web https://help.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Our promise to you

We will

- Acknowledge written complaints promptly
- Investigate quickly and thoroughly
- Keep You informed of progress
- Do everything possible to resolve Your complaint
- Learn from Our mistakes
- Use the information from complaints to continuously improve Our service.



Customer Service Information

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

AXA Insurance UK plc is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in the unlikely event that We cannot meet Our obligations to You. This depends on the type of insurance and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available at www.fscs.org.uk or by telephoning 020 7741 4100.

Data Protection Notice

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