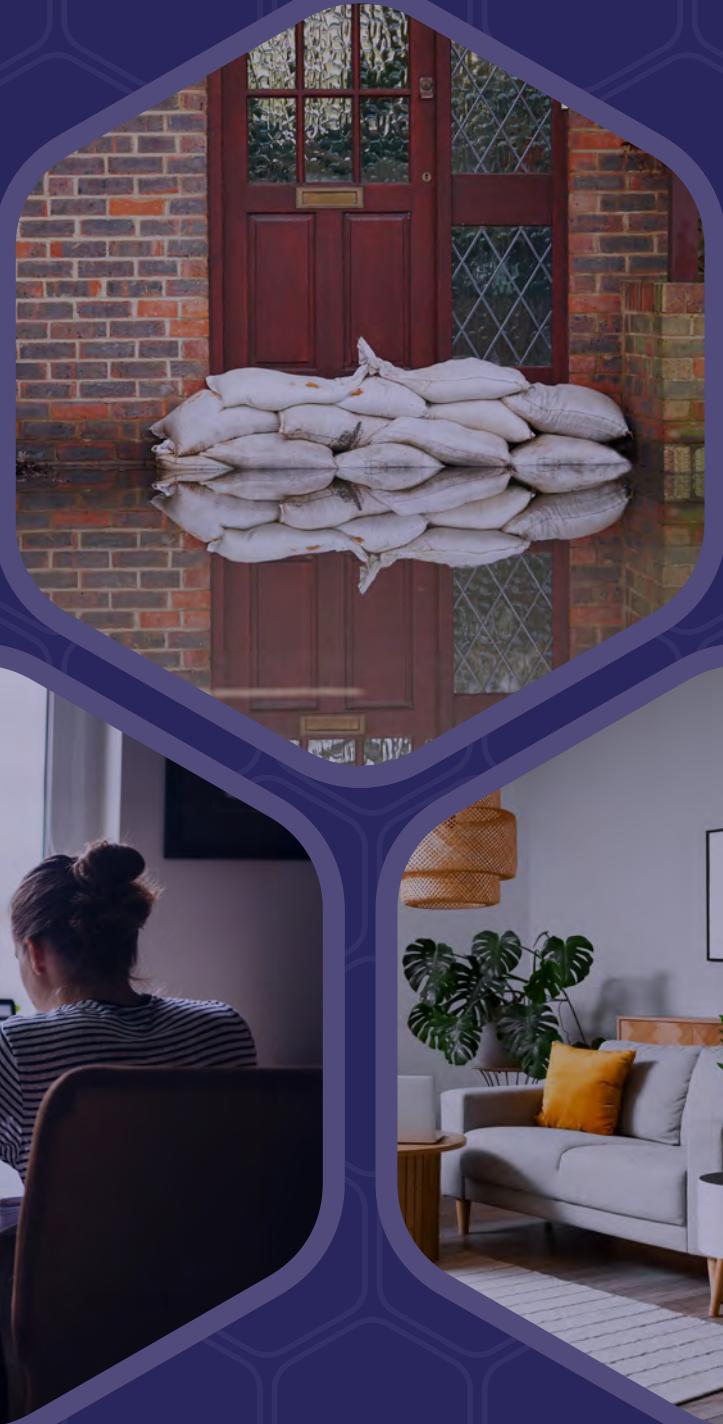




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Household Home & Contents Policy

In return for payment of the premium shown in the **Schedule**, **We** agree to insure **You**, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the policy or endorsed on the **Schedule**, against loss or damage **You** sustain or legal liability **You** incur for accidents happening during the **Period of Insurance** shown in the **Schedule**.

When drawing up this policy, **We** have relied on the information and statements which **You** have provided in the proposal form (or declaration) on the date shown in the **Schedule**.

The insurance relates only to those **Sections** of the policy wording which are shown in the **Schedule** as being included.

Signed by NBS Underwriting on behalf of Insurers

Paul Bennett
Underwriting Director

Important Notice

Please read this policy carefully to ensure that it is in accordance with **Your** requirements and that **You** understand it fully. NBS Underwriting, via your insurance intermediary, should be contacted immediately if any correction is necessary.



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Introduction

This Household Buildings & Contents Policy cover is administered by NBS Underwriting who act on behalf of Hiscox Insurance Company Limited.

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You can check this on the FCA's register by visiting the FCA's website www.fca.gov.uk or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768 or 0300 500 8082.

Our permitted business is advising on and arranging general insurance contracts.

The Household Buildings & Contents Policy cover has 8 **Sections**, and **Your** selection of **Sections** is set out in **Your Schedule**.

The **Sections** are shown on the Contents page.

Please carefully check **Your** current **Schedule** to see which of the above **Sections** are in force.

This insurance is underwritten by Hiscox Insurance Company Limited.

Your Household Buildings & Contents Policy

Your Household Buildings & Contents Policy is made up of the following which must be read together as they form **Your** contract of insurance:

- The introduction, the general exclusions and conditions, all of which apply to all **Sections** of the policy.
- The **Sections** of the cover selected by **You**, including the definitions, the exclusions and conditions which apply to the **Sections** selected.
- The **Schedule**, which details the **Sections** of cover **You** have selected and which includes all **Endorsements** applied to the Household Buildings & Contents Policy whilst it is in force.

Please take time to read all the **Sections** of the Household Buildings & Contents Policy to make sure that they meet **Your** needs and that **You** understand the terms, exclusions and conditions. If **You** wish to change anything or if there is anything that **You** do not understand, please let **Us** or **Your Broker** know.

Please examine the statement of fact and **Schedule** and if it is not correct, return it immediately to **Us** or **Your Broker** who will arrange for it to be amended.

In consideration of the payment of the premium for the **Period of Insurance**, **We** agree to indemnify **You** following the occurrence of any loss or damage which **You** may suffer during the **Period of Insurance**, within the conditions set out in the Household Buildings & Contents Policy. In some circumstances **We** will, for accidents for which **You** are legally responsible, pay to **You** or (on **Your** behalf) to some other person the amount of **Your** legal liability to that person subject to the policy limits.



How the Cover Works

The insurance is provided within the conditions of the Household Buildings & Contents Policy for those **Sections** named in the **Schedule** for any **Insured Event** which takes place during the **Period of Insurance**. **Your** Household Buildings & Contents Policy ends at midnight on the last day of each **Period of Insurance**.

Changes to Your Circumstances

Please tell **Your Broker** immediately if there are any changes to the information **You** have provided. It is important to do this to ensure that **You** remain fully protected.

If **Your** circumstances change and **You** do not tell us, **You** may find that **You** are not covered if **You** need to claim.

Please refer to General Condition 1 on page 18 for circumstances that **You** should tell **Us** about.

Cancellation of this Insurance

1. **You** are entitled to cancel this insurance by contacting **Your Broker** within 14 days of either:

- the date **You** receive **Your** insurance documentation; or
- the start of the **Period of Insurance**

whichever is the later. Providing **You** have not made any claims **We** will refund the premium.

2. **You** can also cancel this insurance at any time during the **Period of Insurance** by contacting **Your Broker**. Any return premium due to **You** will depend on how long this insurance has been in force. No return of premium will be given if a claim has occurred during the **Period of Insurance**.

Please refer to the policy **Schedule** for **Your Broker's** contact details.

3. **We** can cancel this insurance by giving **You** 30 days' notice in writing, which **Your Broker** will send to the address shown in the **Schedule**. Any return premium due to **You** will depend on how long this insurance has been in force.

The reasons **We** may cancel **Your** insurance are:

- non-payment of premium, including breaching obligations under any finance agreement associated with this insurance **policy**
- a change in risk, where cover can no longer be provided.
- lack of cooperation or failure to supply accurate or complete information/documentation
- You** act in a fraudulent manner
- You** use threatening or abusive behaviour.



How the Cover Works - continued

Use of Language

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

Law Applicable

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 will apply to this policy.



What To Do If You Have a Claim

Naturally **We** hope **You** won't have any accidents or misfortune, but if **You** do, the following procedure should be followed.

To make a claim, please contact Sedgwick Loss adjusters

Telephone: **+44 1206 773 714**

Email: **nbs@uk.sedgwick.com**

You can also now access it via the link - **<https://www.hiscox.co.uk/schemes-claims>**

Professional staff are available to assist **You** whether **You** need a claim form, advice on emergency repairs or any other aspect of **Your** claim.

Alternatively, if **You** prefer, please contact **Your** insurance broker.

To enable **Your** claim to be dealt with quickly, **Your** Insurer will require **You** to provide them with assistance and evidence that they require concerning the cause and value of any claim. Ideally as part of the initial notification, **You** will provide:

- Your** name, address, and telephone numbers
- Policy / Certificate number
- The date of the incident
- Police details / Crime Reference Number where applicable
- The cause of the loss or damage
- Details of the loss or damage together with claim value If known
- Names and addresses of any other parties involved or responsible for the incident (including details of injuries) and addresses of any witnesses.

How We Deal with Your Claim

1. Defence of Claims

We may

- take full responsibility for conducting, defending or settling any claim in **Your** name.
- take any action **We** consider necessary to enforce **Your** rights or **Our** rights under this insurance.

2. Other Insurance

We will not pay any claim if any loss, damage or liability covered under this insurance is also covered wholly or in part under any other insurance except in respect of any excess beyond the amount which would have been covered under such other insurance had this insurance not been effected. This clause does not apply to fatal injury (Section Two – 16).



What To Do If You Have a Claim - continued

3. Fraudulent Claims

If **You** make a fraudulent claim under this insurance contract:

- a) **We** are not liable to pay the claim; and
- b) **We** may recover from **You** any sums paid to **You** in respect of the claim; and
- c) **We** may by notice to **You**, treat the contract as having been terminated with effect from the time of the fraudulent act.

If we exercise **Our** right under clause 3. c) above:

- a) **We** shall not be liable to **You** in respect of a relevant insured event occurring after the time of the fraudulent act. A relevant insured event is whatever gives rise to **Our** liability under the insurance contract (such as the occurrence of a loss, the making of a claim, or the notification of a potential claim); and
- b) **We** need not return any of the premiums paid.

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** view and interpretation, or that of an approved supplier or loss adjuster, even in situations where **You** have appointed a professional representative such as a loss assessor or claims management company to act on **Your** behalf.



Important Information

This policy is designed to protect you against the risk of things happening suddenly which you could not have expected such as fire, theft, flood and storm. It is not designed to protect you against losses that arise due to the gradual deterioration or poor maintenance of your home.

We want to ensure that you are fully aware of the extent of your cover and would therefore urge you to read this policy in full along with the policy schedule. We have also taken this opportunity to bring some helpful information to your attention.

This section does not form part of your policy and contains only examples of what is contained in your booklet.

Collision

If someone crashes into your wall or your house make sure you record their name, address, vehicle registration and contact details. We will need this information to help us try to recover your excess.

Subsidence

Damage caused by subsidence is the result of ground movement affecting your property. The most common signs of this are diagonal cracks away from door and window frames. New properties will often move for reasons other than subsidence and this natural settlement is not covered. Subsidence and other types of ground movement can be difficult and complex to repair. It is important that you tell us as soon as possible if you think your home may be affected.

Escape of water

Your cover for escape of water is designed to cover damage to your property caused by water leaks. It's always a good idea to get your boiler checked and/or serviced by a Gas Safe/Oftec/Hetas certified engineer, depending on your heating system, in plenty of time for winter. This will help prevent boiler failure which could leave you with no heating and/or hot water. One of the biggest risks of water damage occurs when you are away during the winter where pipes can freeze and burst causing large amounts of damage. It is important that you take steps to avoid this by keeping your central heating on low so your pipes do not freeze. If you want to turn your heating off then you should drain your central heating system and switch off the water at the mains. Please be aware that cover for escape of water ceases after the home has been **unoccupied**.

In addition, damage can occur due to water leaks caused when the sealant or grout around your bath or shower has worn away or failed. It is important to inspect and maintain your property, as damage of this nature is not covered by the policy. Pipes often burst because they have worn out and if this happens you should turn off the main stop tap and contact a plumber. We will be able to pay for the damage the water caused but not to repair the pipe itself.



Important Information - continued

Fires

A large percentage of fires start in the kitchen and are caused by faulty electrical appliances or unattended cooking pans and equipment – particularly chip pans. In addition, candles, cigarettes, electric blankets and overloaded plug sockets cause a significant fire risk. Always purchase electrical goods from a reputable supplier, as branded goods sold via untraceable internet suppliers at much reduced prices may be counterfeit and/or may not be fitted with the appropriate safeguards against the risk of fire. Please ensure you bear these risks in mind and take adequate precautions to protect yourself and your family. Smoke alarms save many lives and significant damage every year. Please ensure that you have them fitted and check them regularly.

Floods

If water has or is expected to enter your property you should secure your home and move your valuables and essentials to an elevated place or upper floor. You should also turn off all the utilities like power, water and gas supplies at their main source and disconnect all electrical appliances if possible. If you know that you live in an area which is prone to flooding, there are additional steps you can take to protect your home and we would recommend contacting your local Environment Agency for further advice or call Floodline on **0345 988 1188**.

Drains

Some drains which use defective materials such as pitch fibre in their construction are prone to wear out over time naturally. If this happens they will not be covered by your policy but there are more specific insurance policies available to protect you against this risk.

Storms

Properties are designed to withstand damage by all but the most extreme weather conditions. Normal weather conditions should not cause damage to a well-maintained property and damage of this nature is not covered by this policy. It is therefore important that you keep your property in a good state of repair. Areas that you should focus on include blocked or broken gutters or downpipes and loose or damaged roof tiles. Some areas like flat roofs, fascia boards and boundary walls are difficult to inspect so if you cannot check them yourself you should use a relevant building expert to do this for you.

Thefts

Many thefts are committed by so called 'opportunist' criminals. Your property is significantly more likely to be burgled if accessible entrances are not locked and secured. Your policy may carry an endorsement about the security you need to have in place to prevent thefts. This usually requires you to have certain types of door and window locks. Make sure you check your schedule to ensure you have the right protections in place. If you fail to meet these requirements we may impose a higher excess for theft claims. If you are going away, do what you can to make your house appear occupied. Ask a neighbour to pick up the mail, cancel milk and any other regular deliveries and use timers on lights if you have them. Garages and sheds are attractive to criminals as they are easier to break in to and often contain valuable items such as tools or golf clubs. Locking these is another important step to minimising the risk of a theft. You should also take particular care of items such as laptops, mobile phones, iPads and other tablets etc if you have personal possessions cover. We will not cover the theft of such items if they have been left unattended outside of your home.



What to Do If You Have a Complaint

Our aim is to ensure that all aspects of your insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times we are committed to providing you with the highest standard of service. If you feel that we have not offered you a first class service or you have any questions or concerns about your policy or the handling of a claim, you should in the first instance contact the business which sold you your policy using the contact details below who will try to resolve your complaint within three working days:

NBS Underwriting Limited, NBS House, Aire Valley Business Park, Wagon Lane, Bingley BD16 1WA.

After three working days, in the event that you remain dissatisfied, your complaint will be passed to your insurers' complaints team. You may also raise a formal complaint directly in writing or verbally to your insurers by using the contact details below:

Hiscox Customer Relations

The Hiscox Building

Peasholme Green

York

YO1 7PR

United Kingdom

Or by telephone and email:

Telephone: 0800 1164 627

Email: customer.relations@hiscox.com

Your insurers' complaints team will acknowledge your complaint promptly and respond fully to your concern or complaint within four weeks or less. If for any reason this is not possible, the complaints team will write to you to explain why they have been unable to conclude the matter within the four weeks. If they have been unable to resolve your complaint in eight weeks, they will write to you explaining the reason as to why this has not been possible. They will also advise you of your right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (if eligible).

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may have the right (subject to eligibility) to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), using the details below. The FOS is an independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and businesses providing financial services. Contacting the FOS does not affect your right to take legal action.

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

Tel: **+44(0)800 023 4567** (calls to this number are free from "fixed lines" in the UK)

+44(0)300 123 9123 (calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers on mobiles).

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

Hiscox Insurance Company Limited is 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 on the FSCS website

www.FSCS.org.uk or by contacting them on **0800 678 1100**.



Definitions

For the Whole Policy

Many of the words and phrases used in this policy have special meanings. The following terms used throughout this Household Buildings & Contents wording have the following meanings and such words are highlighted throughout the whole of the policy wording by the use of **bold print**:

Accidental Damage

Damage caused suddenly and as a result of an external, visible and unexpected cause.

Bodily Injury

An identifiable physical injury caused by sudden, unexpected, external and visible means. **Bodily injury** includes death, illness or disease but not defamation

Broker

Person or persons who placed this insurance on **You** behalf.

Buildings

The private residence(s) specified in the **Schedule** and includes:

- the main domestic structure
- outbuildings used for domestic purposes or for **Business** use as specified in the **Schedule**
- decorative finishes
- fixtures and fittings
- lifts
- domestic fixed fuel tanks
- underground service pipes and cables
- sewers and drains
- swimming pools
- permanently fitted hot tubs
- hard tennis courts
- lawns
- garden walls
- hedges
- patios
- steps
- terraces
- ornamental man-made ponds
- fountains
- radio and TV aerials
- satellite dishes
- solar panels
- external lighting
- alarm systems and surveillance equipment
- fences
- gates
- paths and drives

situated at the address or addresses shown in the **Schedule** which belong to **You** or for which **You** have a legal responsibility.



Definitions - continued

Business

Any employment, trade, occupation or profession.

Business Property

Office furniture, furnishings, office equipment including documents and computer equipment owned by **You** used in connection with a **Business** conducted from the **Home**.

Contents

The **Household** goods of the **Buildings** including:

- furniture
- furnishings
- Photographic Equipment**
- Money**
- Outdoor Items**
- Business Property**
- gardening implements
- Fine Art and Antiques**
- Your** fixtures and fittings including interior decorations if **You** are not responsible for insuring the **Buildings**

all of which belong to **You** or for which **You** have a legal responsibility.

This definition does not include:

- Vehicles and Craft**

Also not included are:

- any part of the structure of the **Buildings**
- animals
- Valuables and Personal Possessions** away from **Your Home**, which must be specifically insured under the **Valuables and Personal Possessions Section**
- Valuables and Personal Possessions** within **Your Home** which exceed 30% of the **Contents** sums noted within the **Schedule** or any single item which exceeds £1,500 unless specified.
- Credit Cards**

Credit Cards

Bank, cash, charge, cheque or credit cards which **You** or those members of **Your** family living with **You** or any other person who forms part of **Your Household** are entitled to possess under the terms of the issue of each card.

Endorsement

A change in the terms and conditions of this insurance.



Definitions - continued

Excess(es)

The amount(s) specified in the **Schedule** for which **You** are responsible for each claim.

Fine Art and Antiques

Fine Art and Antiques includes, but is not limited to:

- collectible furniture
- rugs
- tapestries
- drawings
- etchings
- paintings
- photographs
- prints
- books
- manuscripts
- porcelain
- sculptures
- stamps or coins forming part of a collection
- articles made of precious metal and/or semi-precious or precious stone
- gold-plated and silver-plated items, and
- other collectible items or objects of virtue

either owned by **You** or for which **You** have a legal responsibility to the owner.

Fine Art and Antiques excludes:

- Jewellery**
- Furs
- Valuables and Personal Possessions** which must be specifically insured under the **Valuables and Personal Possessions Section**.

Flood

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

Heave

The upward or sideways movement of the site on which **Your Buildings** are situated other than **Settlement** caused by swelling of the ground.



Definitions - continued

Home

Your private residence(s) as specified in the **Schedule**, or where You have two or more private residences, so long as each is specified in the **Schedule** separately. **Home** includes the area of the plot described in the title deeds of each **Home** as well as the structure and outbuildings used for domestic purposes, the address of each being as shown in the **Schedule**.

Household

Those members of Your family, Your relatives and any other persons (but not boarders or lodgers) permanently living with You at any **Building(s)**, together with permanently resident domestic servants employed by You or a member of Your family.

Insured Event(s)

All loss, damage or legal liability that arises as a result of any single incident or occurrence.

Jewellery

Articles of personal adornment containing gemstones, silver, gold, platinum or other precious metals, pearls and set/unset gemstones and watches.

Landslip

Sudden movement of soil on a slope or gradual creep of a slope over a period of time other than **Settlement**.

Money

Includes the lawful currency of any country and also includes:

- bankers' drafts
- cheques
- postal and money orders
- travellers' cheques
- securities
- saving stamps and certificates
- premium bonds
- negotiable instruments
- sports season tickets and gift vouchers, and any similar instruments which can be dealt with in a manner similar to any of those indicated.

*This definition does not include money held for trade or **Business** purposes, promotional vouchers, air miles vouchers, store points, lottery tickets, scratch cards and raffle tickets.*

Occupant

You or the persons authorised by You to stay in the **Home** overnight.



Definitions - continued

Outdoor Items

- garden statuary
- garden furniture
- swings
- slides and climbing frames
- flower containers and urns

all kept in the garden of **Your Home** either temporarily or permanently.

Period of Insurance

The length of time for which this insurance is in force, as shown in the **Schedule** and for which **You** have paid and **We** have accepted a premium.

Photographic Equipment

This includes cameras, camcorders and their accessories and includes film projection machines, films and accessories but not video recorders or video tapes.

Premises

The address(es) which are stated in the **Schedule**.

Schedule

The **Schedule** gives details of the insurance **You** have selected and contains details of the **Building(s)**, **Sums Insured**, **Period of Insurance**, premium, and details of which **Sections** of this Household Buildings & Contents Policy are insured including the **Excess(es)** applicable to each insured **Section**.

Section

This policy wording is divided into 8 **Sections** numbered 1–8. **Your** selection of coverage is set out in the **Schedule**.

Settlement

Downward movement as a result of the soil being compressed by the weight of the **Buildings** within 10 years of construction.

Storm

A period of violent weather defined as:

wind speeds with gusts of at least 48 knots (55 mph)* or
torrential rainfall at a rate of at least 25 mm per hour or
snow to a depth of at least one foot (30 cm) 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 ground beneath the **Buildings** where the movement is unconnected with the weight of the **Building**.

Sum Insured

The amount shown on the **Schedule** is the maximum amount **We** will pay for claims resulting from one **Insured Event** unless otherwise stated on the **Schedule**. For **Buildings**, this should represent the cost of reinstating the **Building(s)** including the cost of clearing the site.

Terrorism

An act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

Unfurnished

Has not contained enough furniture and furnishings for normal living purposes for more than 30 consecutive days.

Unoccupied

A home becomes **unoccupied** if it, (a) has not been lived in for more than 30 consecutive days, or (b) is **unfurnished**, or (c) It has for more than 180 days during the **Period of Insurance** not been lived in

Valuables and Personal Possessions

Items of a personal nature normally worn, used or carried by **You** in **Your** daily life which **You** own or for which **You** are responsible including:

- Jewellery**
- audio and visual equipment including mobile phones
- furs
- hand luggage.

Excluding **Money** and **Credit Cards**; these must be specifically insured under the Money and Credit Card **Section** of the policy.

Vaulted

Your property that is held within a safe deposit or by a bank in its safe or strong room as specified in the **Schedule**.



Definitions - continued

Vehicles and Craft

1. Electrically or mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles including plant, machinery, mini diggers, forklift trucks, motorcycles, powered transporters (including e-scooters and Segways), children's motorcycles, quad bikes and children's quad bikes.
2. Aircraft (including any type of glider), drones (including mechanically propelled aerial toys, models or devices), boats, hovercraft and any other type of craft designed to be used in or on the water including hand or foot propelled craft, sailboards and windsurfers.
3. Trailers, carts, wagons, caravans and horse boxes.
4. Parts, accessories (including keys and key fobs), tools, fitted radios and other audio equipment and satellite navigation systems for any of the items in 1-3 above.

The following items are not included in this definition:

- Lawnmowers 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 there is no legal requirement for them to be registered for use on the road.
- Surfboards, water-skis, snowboards and skis.
- Toys and models.
- Pedal cycles and electrically 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 any of the above mentioned **Vehicles and Craft**.

Vermin

Rats, mice, squirrels, owls, pigeons, foxes, bees, wasps or hornets.

We/Us/Our

Your insurance is underwritten by Hiscox Insurance Company Limited (Hiscox) which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

You/Your

The person(s) named on the **Schedule** including **Your Household**.



General Conditions

The following conditions apply to all of the Household Buildings & Contents Policy.

These conditions are especially important terms of the contract(s) between **You** and **Us**. They apply to every **Section** of this Household Buildings & Contents Policy. **You** must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of this policy. If **You** do not comply with them, **We** may at **Our** option cancel the policy or refuse to deal with **Your** claim or reduce the amount of any payment.

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

1. Change of Circumstances and Your Duties

You must notify **Us** immediately of any changes to the information **You** have provided, in particular any of the following:

- change of address
- building works or any structural alteration to **Your Home**
- if **You** intend to let or sub-let **Your Home**
- if **You** intend to use **Your Home** for any reason other than private residential purposes
- if **Your Home** will be **Unoccupied**
- if **Your Home** will not be lived in by **You** or **Your** family
- any changes to the **Sums Insured** as a result of additions, alterations, improvements, and new acquisitions.

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

We must be notified as soon as possible if **You** or any of **Your Household** have:

- been declared bankrupt or
- received a Police caution for or been convicted of or charged with but not yet tried for any offence other than a driving offence.

We will then advise **You** of any change in the terms of **Your** insurance.

You must tell **Your Broker** before **You** start any conversions, extensions or other structural work to the **Buildings** that:

- change the use of the **Buildings** in any way;
- involves the external surfaces of the **Buildings** being affected/changed;
- means **You** having to move out of the **Buildings** for any period of time
- costs over £25,000

When **We** receive this notice, **We** have the option to change the conditions of this insurance.

If **You** fail to comply with any of the above duties this insurance may become invalid.



General Conditions - continued

2. Sums Insured

The premium **You** pay is based on the **Sum Insured**. It is therefore important that at all times **You** keep **Your Sums Insured** up to date as set out below:

Buildings

The **Sum Insured** chosen by **You** must be enough to pay for the full cost of rebuilding and take account of the expenses for:

- a) demolishing, removing debris, shoring up or propping up parts of the **Buildings**;
- b) architects', surveyors', legal and other fees for estimates, plans, specifications, quantities, tenders and supervision;
- c) any extra costs to comply with building or other regulations or the by-laws of any local authority but only in respect of the damaged parts of the **Buildings**;
- d) potential loss of rent or additional rental costs.

Outdoor Items

The cost of replacing them as new.

Contents

The cost of replacing them as new.

Fine Art and Antiques

The current market value.

Personal Possessions

The cost of replacing them as new.

Index Linking

Inflation may make the **Sums Insured** inadequate. **We** will therefore adjust the **Sum Insured** for **Buildings** and **Contents** annually in accordance with the movements in the indices as stated in each **Section**. At each renewal the revised **Sum Insured** will be calculated and shown on the **Schedule**.

Sums Insured are not adjusted for inflation as regards any other coverage. **You** should review **Sums Insured** regularly to reflect new purchases, extensions, improvements and changes in market values.



General Conditions - continued

3. State of Repair

In the proposal form/statement of facts, **You** were asked whether the **Buildings** were in good condition. **You** must maintain the **Buildings** in a good state of repair. **Your** property is not considered to be in a good state of repair if it has dry rot, rot or infestation requiring timber or window replacement, damp, roof, guttering or chimney stack damage, faulty wiring or incomplete construction.

4. Duty of Care

You must take all steps to minimise the risk of accident, injury, loss or damage.

5. Unoccupancy and Letting

You must tell **Us** if **Your Home** is loaned or let while **You** and **Your Household** live or intend to live elsewhere. **You** must also tell **Us** if the **Home** is to be **Unoccupied**.

6. Building Works

You must tell **Us** in advance if **You** are planning to carry out building works or if **You** plan to carry out any work (other than minor plumbing or maintenance work) involving the application of heat. **You** must cooperate with **Us** by taking all steps **We** suggest to minimise the risks. **We** reserve the right to amend the coverage provided by every **Section** of this Household Buildings & Contents Policy for the duration of these building works.

7. Third Party Rights

This Household Buildings & Contents Policy is not intended to give any person any right to enforce any term of this insurance which that person would not have had but for the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

8. Recovery & Rights

If **You** have the rights to recover all or part of any payment made under this policy, **We** may take over proceedings in **Your** name, but at **Our** own expense, to recover for **Our** benefit the amount of any payment made under this Household Buildings & Contents Policy.

You must give **Your Broker** and **Us** all the assistance required to do this. **We** may also take over and deal with in **Your** name the defence or settlement of any claim.

9. Other Insurance

If at the time of any claim **You** have other insurance covering the claim, there will be no cover in the presence of other insurance.



General Conditions - continued

10. Fraud

Throughout **You** 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 **You** wilful act or caused with **You** agreement, knowledge or collusion

then:

- We** may make **You** policy void from the date of the fraudulent act
- 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** may not return any premium paid by **You** for the policy
- We** may inform the Police of the circumstances.

11. Premium Payment

We will not make any payment under this Household Buildings & Contents Policy unless **You** have paid the premium.

12. Sanctions

We will not provide cover, be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit where doing so would expose **Us** or any Hiscox 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.



General Exclusions

The following exceptions apply to the whole policy unless stated differently.

[Radiation, War, Nuclear, Sonic Bangs, Deliberate Acts, Pollution, Confiscation, Nationalisation, Wear and Tear, Date Recognition, Northern Ireland Exclusions](#)

- a) This Household Buildings & Contents Policy does not insure any destruction of or loss or damage to property, or any legal liability which is directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arises from:
 - i. ionising radiation or contamination by radioactive material from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the use of nuclear fuel; or
 - ii. the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or component; or
 - iii. war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, or military or usurped power; or
 - iv. harm or damage to life or property (or the threat of such harm or damage) by nuclear and/or chemical and/or biological and/or radiological means resulting directly or indirectly from or in connection with **Terrorism**, regardless of any other contributing cause or **Insured Event**; or
 - v. pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices (sometimes known as sonic bangs); or
 - vi. deliberate acts by **You** or adult members of **Your Household**; or
 - vii. pollution or contamination unless it is caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected **Insured Event** which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **Period of Insurance**
 - viii. confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any Government or public or local authority.
- b) This Household Buildings & Contents Policy does not cover 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
- c) This Household Buildings & Contents Policy does not cover loss or damage to any property or appliance caused by or resulting from the failure of that property or appliance or any part of it (whether belonging to **You** or not) to correctly recognise or respond to any date.



General Exclusions - continued

Infectious or Contagious Disease Exclusion

This Household Buildings & Contents Policy does not cover any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense, in any way caused by or resulting from:

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

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

Asbestos and Silica Exclusion

This Household Buildings & Contents Policy does not cover any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense, in any way caused by, resulting from or involving asbestos or silica or any materials containing asbestos or silica in whatever form or quantity.

Cyber and Data Exclusion

The following exclusions apply to the whole of the contract.

We will not pay for any:

- a) Cyber
 - loss, damage, liability, cost or expense caused deliberately or accidentally by:
 - i. the use of or inability to use any application, software, or programme;
 - ii. any computer virus;
 - iii. any computer related hoax relating to (a) i. and/or (a) ii. above.

However, where:

- a fire or explosion occurs as a result of (a) i. or (a) ii. above;
- an escape of water occurs as a result of (a) i. or (a) ii. above; or
- a theft or attempted theft immediately follows (a) i. or (a) ii. above;

and that fire, explosion, escape of water, theft or attempted theft would otherwise be covered under this contract, **We** will still cover physical loss or damage resulting from that fire, explosion, escape of water, theft or attempted theft.

- b) Electronic Data

loss of or damage to any electronic data (for example files or images) wherever it is stored.



General Exclusions - continued

Terrorism Exclusion

We will not pay for any loss, damage, legal liability, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused or occasioned by or happening through any **Terrorism** or any action taken in controlling, preventing or suppressing any **Terrorism** in anyway relating thereto.

For the purpose of this exclusion **Terrorism** means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf.

of or in connection with any organisation(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

Section Specific Exclusions

Each **Section** of this Household Buildings & Contents Policy contains specific exceptions. **You** should refer to the **Sections** of this Household Buildings & Contents Policy for the details of these.

Building Works Exclusion

This Household Buildings & Contents Policy excludes all loss or damage resulting from building works or involving the application of heat and/or where **You** have entered into a contract which removes or limits **Your** legal rights against the contractor or building firm (unless full details of any building works and building contract have been disclosed and agreed by **Us**).

Diminution in Value Exclusion

We will not pay for any diminution in value to all property following a valid claim under this insurance.

Pre-existing and Deliberate Damage Exclusion

We will not pay for loss or damage

- i. occurring outside of the **Period of Insurance**
- ii. caused deliberately by **You** or any person lawfully in the **Home**.

Biological and Chemical Contamination Exclusion

We will not pay for any legal liability of whatsoever nature caused by death or injury to any person directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by biological or chemical contamination.

Toxic Mould Exclusion

We will not pay for injury or damage caused by or arising out of the alleged or actual existence of mould, fungus/fungi, spore(s), mildew(s), mushroom(s), yeast(s) or biocontaminant(s) or any by-product therefrom.

Virtual Currencies

This Household Buildings & Contents Policy does not cover loss or damage to any virtual currencies including but not limited to crypto currency, including fluctuations in value.



Privacy Notice

NBS Underwriting Data Protection Notice

If information is required as to how data is processed by NBS Underwriting Limited or as to the exercise of any rights under any data privacy laws, you should read the Data Protection Policy on its website at <https://nbsunderwriting.co.uk/our-privacy-policy/>

or contact: Data Protection Officer

NBS Underwriting Limited, NBS House, Aire Valley Business Park, Wagon Lane, Bingley BD16 1WA

Using your personal information

Hiscox is a trading name of a number of Hiscox companies. The specific company acting as a data controller of **Your** personal information will be listed in the documentation **We** provide to **You**. If **You** are unsure **You** can also contact **Us** at any time by telephoning 01904 681198 or by emailing **Us** at dataprotectionofficer@hiscox.com.

We collect and process information about **You** in order to provide insurance policies and to process claims. **Your** information is also used for business purposes such as fraud prevention and detection and financial management.

This may involve sharing **Your** information with, and obtaining information about **You** from, **Our** group companies and third parties such as brokers, loss adjusters, credit reference agencies, service providers, professional advisors, **Our** regulators or fraud prevention agencies.

We may record telephone calls to help **Us** monitor and improve the service **We** provide.

For further information on how **Your** information is used and **Your** rights in relation to **Your** information please see **Our** privacy policy at www.hiscox.co.uk/cookies-privacy.



Section One - Buildings

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

What is covered	What is not covered
This insurance covers the Buildings for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:	We will not pay:
1. fire, lightning, smoke, explosion or earthquake.	the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
2. aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them.	the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
3. Storm, Flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage caused by Subsidence, Heave or Landslip other than as covered under number 9 – Subsidence, Heave or Landslip of Section One – Buildingsb) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks in the open, swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, lawns, hedges, gates and fencesc) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.
4. escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage resulting in Subsidence, Heave or Landslipb) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks and swimming pools including pumps and accessoriesc) loss or damage caused by the failure or lack of appropriate grout and/or sealantd) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedulee) Trace and Access unless shown on Your Schedulef) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied



Section One Buildings - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers the Buildings for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p>
<p>5. escape of oil from a fixed domestic oil-fired heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation.</p> <p><i>Damage to the installation itself is only covered if the damage has happened as a result of an insured cause or cover.</i></p>	<p>a) for loss or damage caused by faulty workmanship</p> <p>b) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule</p> <p>c) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied</p>
6. theft or attempted theft.	<p>a) for loss or damage while the Home is let, lent or sublet unless the loss or damage follows a violent and forcible entry</p> <p>b) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule</p> <p>c) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied</p>
7. collision by any Vehicle and Craft or animal.	the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
8. any person taking part in a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or acting maliciously.	<p>a) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule</p> <p>b) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied</p>



Section One Buildings - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers the Buildings for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p>
9. Subsidence or Heave of the site upon which the Buildings stand or Landslip .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks, swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences unless the Premises is also affected at the same time by the same Insured Eventb) for loss or damage to solid floors unless the external walls of the Premises are damaged at the same time by the same Insured Eventc) for loss or damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materialsd) for loss or damage which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or a guarantee or by lawe) for loss or damage caused by coastal erosion or riverbank erosionf) for loss or damage whilst the Buildings are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensionsg) the Excess(es) shown on Your Scheduleh) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied due to normal Settlement, shrinkage or expansion.
10. breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes, wind turbines, solar panels and their fittings and masts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage to radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, wind turbines, solar panels and their fittings and mastsb) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.



Section One Buildings - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers the Buildings for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p>
11. falling trees, telegraph poles or lampposts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the Premisesb) for loss or damage to gates and fencesc) the Excess(es) shown on Your Scheduled) the cost of removing fallen trees or branches that have not caused damage to the Buildings.
12. the cost of repairing accidental damage to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> fixed glass and double glazing (including the cost of replacing frames);<input type="checkbox"/> solar panels;<input type="checkbox"/> sanitaryware;<input type="checkbox"/> ceramic hobs all forming part of the Buildings .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the Excess(es) shown on your Scheduleb) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied

What is covered	What is not covered
	<p>We will not pay:</p>
13. the cost of repairing Accidental Damage caused by external and visible means from a single identifiable event to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> domestic oil pipes;<input type="checkbox"/> underground water-supply pipes;<input type="checkbox"/> underground sewers, drains and septic tanks;<input type="checkbox"/> underground gas pipes;<input type="checkbox"/> underground cables serving the Home and which You are legally responsible for.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the Excess(es) shown on your Schedule.



Section One Buildings - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
	We will not pay:
14. Up to 20% of the Buildings Sum Insured for alternative accommodation, substantially the same as Your existing accommodation, which You have to pay for while the Buildings cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section One – Buildings .	any amount over 20% of the Sum Insured for the Buildings damaged or destroyed.
15. expenses You have to pay and which we have agreed in writing for: <input type="checkbox"/> architects', surveyors', consulting engineers', and legal fees; <input type="checkbox"/> the cost of removing debris and making safe the Building ; <input type="checkbox"/> costs You have to pay in order to comply with any Government or local authority requirements following loss or damage to the Buildings which is covered under Section One – Buildings .	a) any expenses for preparing a claim or an estimate of loss or damage b) any costs if Government or local authority requirements have been served on You before the loss or damage.
16. increased domestic metered water charges You have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under Section One – Buildings .	more than £1,000 in any Period of Insurance . If You claim for such loss under Sections One and Two , we will not pay more than £1,000 in total.
17. anyone buying the Home who will have the benefit of Section One until the sale is completed or the insurance ends, whichever is sooner.	if the Buildings are insured under any other insurance.
18. costs You have to pay for replacing locks to safes, alarms and outside doors in the Home following theft or loss of Your keys.	a) any amount over £1000 b) any thefts not reported to the Police c) if You have chosen both contents and buildings insurance then We will only pay under one Section for any claim.



Section One Buildings - continued

Accidental Damage to the Buildings

The following applies only if the **Schedule** shows that **Accidental Damage** to the **Buildings** is included.

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This extension covers the following:</p> <p>Accidental Damage to the Buildings.</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for damage or any proportion of damage which We specifically exclude elsewhere under Section Oneb) for damage while the Home is being altered, repaired, cleaned, maintained or extendedc) for damage while the Home is lent, let or subletd) for the cost of general maintenancee) for damage caused by wear and tear, chewing, fouling or urination by insects or vermin, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost or anything that happens graduallyf) for damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materialsg) for damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdownh) for damage caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to lighti) for damage to swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences and fuel tanksj) for any damage caused by or contributed to by or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contaminationk) the Excess(es) shown on your Schedulel) caused by water coming into Your Home, other than by Storm, Flood or escape of water from a fixed water, drainage or heating installation where cover may apply under those perilsm) whilst the Home is Unoccupied or Unfurnished.



Section One Buildings - continued

Conditions that apply to Section One – Buildings only

Settling Claims

How **We** deal with **Your** claim

1. If **Your** claim for loss or damage is covered under **Section** One, **We** will pay the full cost of repair as long as:
 - ◊ the **Buildings** were in a good state of repair immediately prior to the loss or damage and
 - ◊ the **Sum Insured** is enough to pay for the full cost of rebuilding the **Buildings** in their present form.
2. **We** treat any individual items of a matching set or suite of furniture, sanitaryware or other bathroom fittings as a single item. **We** will pay **You** for individual damaged items but not for undamaged companion pieces. If the individual damaged items cannot be repaired or a replacement found, **We** will also pay up to 50% towards the undamaged part of the set or suite of furniture, sanitaryware or bathroom fittings. If a floor covering is damaged beyond repair, **We** will only pay to have the damaged floor covering replaced. **We** will not pay for undamaged floor covering in adjoining rooms.

Your Sum Insured

3. **We** will not reduce the **Sum Insured** under **Section** One after **We** have paid a claim as long as **You** agree to carry out **Our** recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.
4. If **You** are underinsured, which means the cost of rebuilding the **Buildings** at the time of loss or damage is more than **Your Sum Insured** for the **Buildings**, then **We** will only pay a proportion of the claim. For example, if **Your Sum Insured** only covers one half of the cost of rebuilding the **Buildings**, **We** will only pay one half of the cost of repair or replacement.
5. Inflation protection helps protect **You** against the effect of inflation. **We** will review and amend where necessary every **Sum Insured** under **Buildings** at the end of each month by the percentage change in the following index and will show the updated **Sum Insured** annually on **Your Schedule**:

Buildings

The House Rebuilding Cost Index compiled by the Building Cost Information Service of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay more than the **Sum Insured** for each **Premises** shown in the **Schedule**.



Section Two - Contents

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

What is covered	What is not covered
This insurance covers the Contents for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:	We will not pay:
1. fire, lightning, smoke, explosion or earthquake.	the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
2. aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them.	the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
3. Storm, Flood.	a) for Contents and outdoor items in the open b) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
4. escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes.	a) loss or damage caused by the failure or lack of appropriate grout and/or sealant b) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule c) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied
5. escape of oil from a fixed domestic oil-fired heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation. <i>Damage to the installation itself is only covered if the damage has happened as a result of an insured cause or cover</i>	a) loss or damage caused by the failure or lack of appropriate grout and/or sealant b) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule c) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied



Section Two - Contents - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
This insurance covers the Contents for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:	We will not pay:
6. theft or attempted theft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage whilst the Home is lent, let or sublet unless the loss or damage is caused by a violent and forcible entryb) any amount over £1,000 or 3%, whichever is greater, of the Sum Insured for Contents within detached domestic outbuildings and garagesc) any amount over £1,000 or 3%, whichever is greater, of the Sum Insured for Outdoor Items unless specified within Your Scheduled) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedulee) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied for more than 30 consecutive daysf) the maximum amount We will pay following theft of Jewellery from the Home is £5,000 unless stolen from a fixed, locked safeg) loss or damage if 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 reasonh) loss or damage as a result of any failed online purchase or transactioni) for loss or damage for any items left unattended outside of Your Home.
7. collision by any Vehicles and Craft or animal.	the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule .
8. any person taking part in a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or acting maliciously.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the Excess(es) shown on Your Scheduleb) for loss or damage if property is Unoccupied



Section Two - Contents - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers the Contents for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p>
9. Subsidence or Heave of the site upon which the Buildings stand or Landslip .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">for loss or damage arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materialsfor loss or damage which but for the existence of this insurance would be covered under any contract or a guarantee or by lawfor loss or damage whilst the Buildings are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensionsfor loss or damage by coastal or river erosionthe Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.
10. falling trees, telegraph poles or lampposts.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">for loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the Premisesthe Excess(es) shown on Your Schedulethe cost of removing fallen trees or branches that have not caused damage to the Contents.
11. Accidental Damage to: <input type="checkbox"/> audio and video equipment; <input type="checkbox"/> home computers all situated within the Home .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">for loss or damage or deterioration caused in the process of cleaning, repair, renovation or dismantlingfor loss or damage to tapes, records, cassettes, discs or computer softwarefor mechanical or electrical faults or breakdowndamage caused after the Buildings have been left Unoccupied or Unfurnishedthe Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.



Section Two - Contents - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers the Contents for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p>
12. <p>We will pay up to £15,000 for any one claim or series of claims arising from any one event or one source or original cause that You or Your family become legally liable to pay as tenant of the Home for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) damage to the Buildings by causes 1-11 specified under the Buildings Section of this policy2) Accidental Damage to cables, drain inspection covers or underground drains, pipes or tanks providing a service to or from the Home3) accidental breakage of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) fixed glass in:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. windowsii. doorsiii. fanlightsiv. skylightsv. greenhousesvi. conservatoriesvii. verandasb) fixed ceramic hobs or hob coversc) fixed sanitaryware and bathroom fittings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for the cost of repairing, removing or replacing window framesb) damage to ceramic hobs fixed to and forming part of the Home. (These should be claimed under Buildings Insurance – unless You are legally liable as a tenant)c) damage caused after the Buildings have been leftd) Unoccupied or Unfurnishede) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.



Section Two - Contents - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers the Contents for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p>
<p>13. the Contents, if these are not already insured, whilst they are temporarily out of the Home against loss or damage directly caused by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. any of the Insured Events under numbers 1-10 in Section Two - Contents while the Contents are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in any occupied Premises <input type="checkbox"/> in any buildings where You are living or working <input type="checkbox"/> in any building for valuation, cleaning or repair <input type="checkbox"/> in any furniture storage <input type="checkbox"/> in any bank or safe deposit ii. fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake, theft or attempted theft while the Contents are being moved to Your new Home or to or from any bank, safe deposit or furniture storage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) for Contents outside the United Kingdom b) for Money or Credit Cards c) any amount over 20% of the Sum Insured under Section Two for Contents in furniture storage d) loss or damage caused by You, Your family, paying guests or tenants e) more than £5000 for Contents whilst in university halls of residence or in student accommodation f) loss or damage by theft unless force and violence are used to gain entry to or exit from a building, or in the case of halls of residence or student accommodation, a locked room g) loss or damage caused by Storm or Flood to property not in a building h) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.
<p>14. rent You still have to pay as occupier if the Home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section Two - Contents</p>	<p>any amount over 20% of the Sum Insured under Section Two for the Contents of the Buildings damaged or destroyed.</p>
<p>15. costs of using reasonable alternate accommodation, which You have to pay for if the Home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section Two - Contents.</p>	<p>any amount over 20% of the Sum Insured under Section Two for the Contents of the Buildings damaged or destroyed.</p>
<p>16. fatal injury to You, happening at the Premises shown in the Schedule, caused by outward and visible violence by burglars or by fire, provided that death ensues within twelve months of such injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> £10,000 for each insured person 	



Section Two - Contents - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
This insurance covers the Contents for physical loss or physical damage directly caused by:	We will not pay:
17. costs You have to pay for replacing locks to safes, alarms and outside doors in the Home following theft or loss of Your keys.	a) any amount over £500 b) any thefts not reported to the Police. c) if You have chosen both contents and buildings insurance then We will only pay under one Section for any claim.
18. increased domestic metered water charges You have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4 – Escape of Water of Section Two – Contents .	more than £1000 in any Period of Insurance . If You claim for such loss under Sections One and Two, We will not pay more than £1000 in total.
19. for 30 days before and after special events such as weddings, civil partnerships, religious festivals, birthdays, anniversaries and any other type of celebration We will increase the Contents Sum Insured by £1,000 to cover loss or damage within the Home by Insured Events 1–10 of Section Two – Contents , belonging to You or any member of Your family (if within the Period of Insurance).	a) loss if the Buildings have been left Unoccupied or Unfurnished b) the Excess(es) shown on your Schedule .



Section Two - Contents - continued

Accidental Damage to the Contents

The following applies only if the **Schedule** shows that **Accidental Damage** to the **Contents** is included.

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This extension covers:</p> <p>Accidental Damage to the Contents within the Home.</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for damage or any proportion of damage which We specifically exclude elsewhere under Section Two - Contentsb) for damage or deterioration of any article caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked uponc) for damage caused by chewing, tearing, scratching or fouling by animalsd) any amount over £1,000 in total for porcelain, china, glass and other brittle articlese) for Money, Credit Cards, documents or stampsf) for damage to contact, corneal or micro corneal lensesg) for damage while the Home is lent, let or subleth) for damage caused by wear and tear, insects, Vermin, infestation, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost or anything that happens graduallyi) for damage arising out of faulty design, specification, workmanship or materialsj) for damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdownk) for damage caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature and exposure to lightl) any loss or damage caused by or contributed to by or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contaminationm) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedulen) caused by water coming into Your Home, other than by Storm, Flood or escape of water from a fixed water, drainage or heating installation where cover may apply under those perilso) whilst the Home is Unoccupied or Unfurnished.



Section Two - Contents - continued

Conditions that apply to Section Two - Contents only

Settling Claims

How **We** deal with **Your** claim

1. If **You** claim for loss or damage to the **Contents**, **We** will at **Our** option repair, replace or pay for any article covered under **Section** Two. For total loss or destruction of any article, **We** will pay **You** the cost of replacing the article as new. Where **We** can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier, but **We** agree to pay a cash or cash alternative settlement, then payment will not exceed the amount **We** would have paid the preferred supplier, as long as:
 - the new article is as close as possible; and
 - **You** have paid or **We** have authorised the cost of replacement.

The above basis of settlement will not apply to:

- clothes
- pedal cycles

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

2. **We** treat any individual items of a matching set or suite of furniture, sanitaryware or other bathroom fittings as a single item. **We** will pay **You** for individual damaged items but not for undamaged companion pieces. If the individual damaged items cannot be repaired or a replacement found **We** will also pay up to 50% towards the undamaged part of the set or suite of furniture, sanitaryware or bathroom fittings. If a floor covering is damaged beyond repair, **We** will only pay to have the damaged floor covering replaced. **We** will not pay for undamaged floor covering in adjoining rooms.

Your Sum Insured

3. **We** will not reduce the **Sum Insured** under **Section** Two after **We** have paid a claim as long as **You** agree to carry out **Our** recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.
4. If **You** are underinsured, which means the cost of replacing or repairing the **Contents** at the time of the loss or damage is more than **Your Sum Insured** for the **Contents**, then **We** will only pay a proportion of the claim. For example, if **Your Sum Insured** only covers one half of the cost of replacing or repairing the **Contents**, **We** will only pay one half of the cost of repair or replacement.

Inflation Protection

Inflation protection helps protect **You** against the effect of inflation. **We** will review and amend where necessary every **Sum Insured** under **Contents** at the end of each month by the percentage change in the Government's Retail Price Index and will show the updated **Sum Insured** annually on **Your Schedule**.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay any more than the **Sum Insured** for the **Contents** of each **Premises** shown in the **Schedule**.



Section Three - Accidents to Domestic Staff

This **Section** applies only if the **Contents** are insured under **Section Two – Contents**.

What is covered	What is not covered
We will indemnify You: for amounts You become legally liable to pay, including costs and expenses which We have agreed in writing, for Bodily Injury by accident happening during the Period of Insurance to Your domestic staff employed in connection with the Premises shown in the Schedule and occurring within the United Kingdom .	We will not indemnify You: for Bodily Injury arising directly or indirectly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> from the ownership, possession or use of Vehicles and Craft<input type="checkbox"/> from any communicable disease or condition<input type="checkbox"/> from any Insured Event occurring outside of the United Kingdom.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay more than £10,000,000 for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one **Insured Event**, including the costs and expenses which **We** have agreed in writing.



Section Four - Legal Liability to the Public

This **Section** A, B and C applies if showing in the **Schedule**.

Part A

Part A of this **Section** applies in the following way:

- if the **Buildings** only are insured, **Your** legal liability as owner only but not as occupier is covered under Part A (i) below. There is then no cover under Part A (ii).
- if the **Contents** only are insured, **Your** legal liability as occupier only but not as owner is covered under Part A (i) and Part A (ii) below.
- if the **Buildings** and **Contents** are insured, **Your** legal liability as owner or occupier is covered under Part A (i) and Part A (ii) below.

Part A

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>We will indemnify You:</p> <p>i) as owner or occupier for any amounts You become legally liable to pay as damages for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bodily Injury;○ damage to property <p>caused by an accident happening at the Premises during the Period of Insurance</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ii) as a private individual for any amounts You become legally liable to pay as damages for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bodily Injury;○ damage to property <p>caused by an accident happening anywhere in the world during the Period of Insurance</p>	<p>We will not indemnify You for any liability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for Bodily Injury to:○ You○ any other permanent member of the Home○ any person who at the time of sustaining such injury is engaged in Your serviceb) for Bodily Injury arising directly or indirectly from any communicable disease or conditionc) arising out of any criminal or violent act against another person or propertyd) for damage to property owned by or in the charge or control of:○ You○ any other permanent member of the Home○ any person engaged in Your servicee) in Canada or the United States of America after the total period of stay in either or both countries has exceeded 30 days in the Period of Insurancef) arising directly or indirectly out of any profession, occupation, Business or employment



Section Four - Legal Liability to the Public - continued

Part A - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
We will indemnify You:	We will not indemnify You for any liability:
	<p>g) arising out of Your ownership, possession or use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. any motorised or horse drawn Vehicles and Craft other than domestic gardening equipmentii. any power operated liftiii. any aircraft or watercraft other than manually operated rowing boats, punts or canoesiv. any animal other than cats, or dogs which are not designated as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991v. drones, including mechanically propelled aerial toys, models or devices. <p>h) which You have assumed under contract and which would not otherwise have attached</p> <p>i) in respect of any kind of pollution and/or contamination other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ caused by a sudden, identified, unexpected and unforeseen accident which happens in its entirety at a specific moment of time during the Period of Insurance at the Premises named in the Schedule and○ reported to Us not later than 30 days from the end of the Period of Insurance; in which case all such pollution and/or contamination arising out of such accident shall be deemed to have happened at the time of such accident <p>j) arising out of Your ownership, occupation, possession or use of any land or building that is not within the Premises</p> <p>k) if You are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance, including but not limited to any house insurance, until such insurance is exhausted</p> <p>l) exceeding £2,000,000 for any one claim.</p>



Section Four - Legal Liability to the Public - continued

Part B

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>We will pay for:</p> <p>Sums which You have been awarded by a court in the United Kingdom and which still remain outstanding three months after the award has been made, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Part A (ii) of this Section would have indemnified You had the award been made against You rather than to You<input type="checkbox"/> there is no appeal pending<input type="checkbox"/> You agree to allow Us to enforce any right which We shall become entitled to upon making payment.	<p>We will not indemnify You for any liability:</p> <p>For any amount in excess of £250,000.</p>

Part C

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>We will indemnify You for:</p> <p>any amount You become legally liable to pay under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or Article 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 in connection with any Home previously owned and occupied by You.</p>	<p>We will not indemnify You for any liability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) if You are entitled to indemnity under any other insuranceb) for the cost of repairing any fault or alleged fault.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay:

- in respect of pollution and/or contamination: more than £2,000,000 in total for the **Period of Insurance**
- in respect of other liability covered under **Section** Four: more than £2,000,000 in total for the **Period of Insurance** for Part A and C, and £250,000 for Part B for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one **Insured Event**, including the costs and expenses which **We** have agreed in writing.



Section Five - Valuables and Personal Possessions

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

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers:</p> <p>Valuables and Personal Possessions listed in the Schedule (or specification(s) attached) against physical loss or damage anywhere in the world</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for damage caused by moths, Vermin, infestation, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost, wear and tear or anything that happens graduallyb) for damage from electrical or mechanical faults or breakdownc) any amount over £1,500 for any one item unless stated otherwise in the Scheduled) for damage or deterioration of any article caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upone) for breakage of any sports equipment whilst in usef) for any loss of or damage to contact, corneal or micro corneal lensesg) for theft or disappearance of Jewellery from hand luggage unless such hand luggage is carried by hand and under Your personal supervisionh) an Excess of £250 for every claim in respect of unspecified items unless a greater Excess is shown in the Schedulei) an Excess of £100 for every claim in respect of specified items unless a greater Excess is shown in the Schedulej) any amount over £500 for mobile phones and computer equipment unless otherwise stated in the Schedulek) any amount over £250 in respect of property in any unattended Vehicles and Craft unless all items are hidden from view, all windows are closed and all doors and the boot are lockedl) any amount over £2,000 in respect of theft or disappearance of Jewellery from hotel or motel rooms during Your absence from such rooms



Section Five - Valuables and Personal Possessions - continued

What is covered	What is not covered
This insurance covers:	We will not pay: m) for tools or instruments used or held for Business or professional purposes n) for collections of stamps, coins and medals o) for equipment used for winter sports, water sports or camping unless listed in the Schedule p) for plants or any living creatures q) for any Vehicles and Craft.

Conditions that apply to Section Five – Valuables and Personal Possessions only

How We deal with Your claim

1. Where **We** can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier but **We** agree to pay a cash or cash alternative settlement, then payment will not exceed the amount **We** would have paid the preferred supplier.
2. For any insured item which is part of a pair or set and has an insured value of £1,500 or over:
 - ◊ **We** will not pay for the cost of replacing any undamaged or remaining items that form part of such pair or set
 - ◊ **We** will not pay more than the proportion that the lost or damaged items bears to the insured value of such pair or set.

Your Sum Insured

3. If the total value of unspecified items at the time of the loss or damage is more than **Your Sum Insured** for such items, then **We** will only pay for a proportion of the claim. For example, if **Your Sum Insured** only represents one half of the total value of unspecified items, **We** will only pay one half of the cost of repair or replacement.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay more than the **Sum(s) Insured** shown in the **Schedule**.



Section Six - Domestic Freezer Cover

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

What is covered	What is not covered
This insurance covers: the cost of replacing Your food in Your fridge or freezer if it is spoiled due to a change in temperature or contaminated by refrigeration fumes	We will not pay: for loss or damage to food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> held for Business purposes<input type="checkbox"/> caused by the deliberate act of any gas or electricity supplier including as a result of not paying Your bill<input type="checkbox"/> when the Home has become Unoccupied<input type="checkbox"/> if the appliance is older than 10 years.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay more than the **Sum Insured** shown in the **Schedule**.



Section Seven - Pedal Cycle Cover

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

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers:</p> <p>the cost of repairing or replacing Your pedal cycles following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> theft or attempted theft<input type="checkbox"/> Accidental Damage <p>anywhere in the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>We will not pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) for loss or damage to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> tyres<input type="checkbox"/> lamps<input type="checkbox"/> accessoriesunless the cycle is stolen or damaged at the same timeb) for loss or damage due to wear and tear or any gradually operating causec) for damage from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdownd) for loss or damage while the cycle is used for racing or pacemaking or is let out on hire or is used other than for private purposese) to replace a stolen cycle whilst left unattended away from the Home unless locked to a fixed structure or in a locked buildingf) for loss or damage whilst the cycle is left in unattended Vehicles and Craft.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay more than £200 per cycle unless otherwise shown on **Your Schedule**.



Section Eight - Money and Credit Card Cover

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

What is covered	What is not covered
<p>This insurance covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) theft or accidental loss of Moneyb) any amounts which You become legally liable to pay as a result of unauthorised use following loss or theft of Your Credit Card(s) within the United Kingdom, provided that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. within 24 hours of You discovering any such loss or theft, You have notified the Police and, in the case of Credit Card(s), the card issuing company; andii. You have complied with all other conditions under which Your Credit Card(s) were issued to You	<p>We will not pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) to make up any shortages due to error or omissionb) for loss of valuec) the Excess(es) shown on Your Schedule.

Limit of Insurance

We will not pay more than the **Sum(s) Insured** shown in the **Schedule**.



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