Residential Property Owner

Policy booklet





Welcome to Policyfast

Welcome to **Your** new Residential Property Owners policy exclusively arranged through Policyfast Limited.

This policy forms part of **Your** legal contract with **Us** and defines what exactly **Your** Property Owners policy covers **You** against. Please refer to **Your Schedule** of cover for confirmation of the level of cover **You** have chosen.

This is **Your** Residential Property Owners Insurance Policy Wording, setting out **Your** insurance protection in detail. The Policy Wording must be read together with the Policy **Schedule** and Statement of Facts as one document.

It is an important document so **You** should keep it somewhere safe - **You** will need it if **You** need to make a claim.

Please read it carefully to make sure that it meets **Your** requirements and that the details on the Policy **Schedule** and Statement of Facts are correct.

Your premium has been based upon the information shown in the Policy **Schedule** and recorded in **Your** Statement of Facts.

If after reading **Your** Policy Wording **You** have any questions, any details are incorrect or the Policy does not provide the cover **You** need then **You** must contact Your insurance advisor immediately. **Your** insurance relates only to those sections of the Policy which are shown in the **Schedule** as being included.

This Policy is provided by Pen Underwriting Limited acting as agent on behalf of a select panel of insurers. For details of Pen Underwriting Limited's Data Protection and Privacy Policies visit the Pen Underwriting website at www.penunderwriting.co.uk

The Insurer that is providing **Your** Pen Underwriting Residential Property Owners Insurance Policy can be found in **Your** Policy **Schedule**.

Useful Telephone Numbers

This information can be found on Your Policy Schedule.

Please note calls may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

How to make a claim

If **You** need to make a claim, please contact Us straightaway by calling the telephone number printed on **Your** Policy **Schedule** and have **Your** Policy Number to hand when calling. **Your** Policy Number appears on the top left corner of **Your** Policy **Schedule** and **Your** Statement of Facts.

Please also refer to the Section 3 - Policy Conditions point 1 - Claims at the back of **Your** Policy Wording for full details of **Your** duties and how **We** deal with **Your** claim.

Your Policy Wording

Your Policy Wording is made up of individual Sections. This wording should be read together with Your current Policy Schedule and Statement of Fact for precise details of Your insurance protection. We have also included (under Important Information) details of Your right to cancel this Policy and also what to do if You have a complaint.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Contract of Insurance

This Policy is a contract of insurance between **You** and the **Insurer(s)**. The following elements form the contract between **You** and the **Insurer(s)**, please read them and keep them safe:

- · Your Policy Wording
- information contained on Your Statement of Facts documents issued by Us
- Your Schedule
- any changes to Your Residential Property Owners Insurance Policy contained in notices issued by Us at renewal.

In return for **You** paying **Your** premium, **We** will provide cover shown in **Your Schedule** on the terms and conditions of this Policy Wording during the **Period of Insurance**.

Our provision of insurance under this Policy is conditional upon **You** observing and fulfilling the terms, provisions, conditions and clauses of this Policy Wording.

Information and changes You must tell Us about You are required to make a fair presentation of the risk to Us

If **You** breach Your duty to provide a fair presentation and any such breach was deliberate or reckless, **We** may regard the Policy as void and are not required to return any paid premium to **You**.

If the breach was not deliberate or reckless, **Our** remedy shall depend upon what **We** would have done if **You** had complied with the duty of fair presentation:

- We may regard the Policy as void if Insurers would not have entered into the Policy on any terms in the absence of the breach. In this case, We must return the premium paid.
- If We would have entered into the Policy, but on different terms (other than terms relating to premium) the Policy is to be treated as if those different terms applied from the outset, if We so require.
- If We would have entered into the Policy but would have charged a higher premium We may reduce proportionately the amount to be paid on a claim (and, if applicable, the amount already paid on prior claims).

You must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the question We ask when You take out,make changes to, and renew Your Policy.

Please tell **Your** insurance advisor to let **Us** know if there are any changes to the information set out in the Statement of Facts or on **Your Schedule**. **You** must also tell **Us** about the following if they represent a change or a fact **You** have not already told **Us** about:

- any intended alteration to, extension to or renovation of the Home. However You do not need to tell Us about internal alterations to the Home unless the value of the work is over £25,000 or You are creating an additional Bedroom, bathroom or shower room.
- any change to the tenants occupying the property
- any change or addition to to the property to be insured that results in the need to increase the amounts insured or the limits that are shown on Your Policy Schedule,
- if Your property is to be lent as a holiday home including short term holiday lets.
- if Your property is Unoccupied,
- if Your or any person to be insured on this Policy is charged with, or convicted of a criminal offence (other than motoring offences).

If You are in doubt, please contact Your insurance advisor.

When **We** are notified of a change, **We** will tell **Your** insurance advisor if this affects **Your** Policy, for example whether **We** are able to accept the change and if so, whether the change will result in revised terms and/or premium being applied to **Your** policy.

You are required to make a fair presentation of the risk to ${\bf Us}$

If **You** breach **Your** duty to provide a fair presentation and any such breach was deliberate or reckless, **We** may regard the Policy as void and are not required to return any paid premium to **You**.

If the breach was not deliberate or reckless, **Our** remedy shall depend upon what **We** would have done if **You** had complied with the duty of fair presentation:

- We may regard the Policy as void if Insurers would not have entered into the Policy on any terms in the absence of the breach. In this case, We must return the premium paid.
- If We would have entered into the Policy, but on different terms (other than terms relating to premium) the Policy is to be treated as if those different terms applied from the outset, if We so require.
- If We would have entered into the Policy but would have charged a higher premium We may reduce proportionately the amount to be paid on a claim (and, if applicable, the amount already paid on prior claims).

Choice of Law

The law of England and Wales will apply to this contract unless:

- · You and We specifically agree otherwise; or
- at the date of the contract You are a resident of (or, in the case of a business, the registered office or principal place of business is situated in) Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, in which case (in the absence of agreement to the contrary) the law of that country will apply.

Use of Language

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

Customers with Disabilities

This Policy and other associated documentation are also available in large print, audio and Braille. If **You** require any of these formats, in the first instance please contact **Your** insurance advisor.

Your right to cancel

You have a statutory right to cancel **Your** Policy within 14 days from the day of purchase or renewal or from the day **You** receive **Your** Policy, whichever is the later ("cooling off period").

If **You** decide that **You** do not wish to accept the policy, please contact **Your** insurance advisor. Subject to no claims being made or notified, **We** will refund the full premium. The policy will be treated as not being taken up and it will be cancelled from inception.

If **You** do not exercise **Your** right to cancel within the cooling off period, the Policy will remain in force and all premiums will be payable in accordance with the terms of the Policy.

If **You** wish to cancel **Your** policy and it is outside of the 14 day cooling off period, please contact **Your** insurance advisor and refer to Section - 3 Policy Conditions of **Your** Policy Wording.

How much cover do You need?

The **Buildings Sum Insured** is increased monthly in line with the House Rebuilding Cost Index of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The **Contents Sum Insured** is increased monthly in line with the Consumer Durable Section of the Retail Price Index.

For Your protection, if either index falls below zero We will not reduce the Sum Insured. No charge is made for index linking during the Period of Insurance but at renewal Your premium will be calculated on the adjusted Sum Insured.

Property Maintenance

It is **Your** responsibility to maintain and look after **Your Home** property. **Your** Policy is intended to provide **You** with cover against events that are sudden and unforeseen, for example fire or flood. It will not cover **You** for damage that happens gradually over time like damp, or rot, or for damage caused by wear and tear, or for, general maintenance costs such as repairs to defective rendering or general roof repairs.

Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a party to this insurance has no right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any terms of this insurance. This shall not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from this Act.

HMO Licensing

You must contact the Local Authority in relation to the **Home** to establish whether it is classed as a HMO property. If the **Home** is classed as a HMO property then **You** must comply with any HMO Licensing requirements set by the Local Authority. Failure to comply may result in a claim being refused.

Data Protection Act 1998

It is understood by **You** that any information provided to **Us** regarding **You** will be processed by **Us** for the purposes of providing insurance, handling any claims and any other related purpose and which may require providing such information to third parties (including **Our** group companies). As a result **We** may transfer **Your** personal information to a destination outside the European Economic Area ("EEA"). **We** will take the necessary steps to ensure that **Your** information is treated securely and in accordance with this privacy policy.

In order to prevent and detect fraud **We** may at any time:

- share information about You with other organisations and public bodies including the police;
- check and/or file Your details with fraud prevention agencies and databases, and if You provide Us with false or inaccurate information and We suspect fraud, We will record this. We and other organisations may also search these agencies and databases to:
- help make decisions about the provision and administration of insurance, credit and credit related services for You and members of Your household;
- trace debtors or beneficiaries, recover debt, prevent fraud and to manage **Your** insurance policies;

- check Your identity to prevent financial crime, unless You furnish Us with satisfactory proof of identity:
- undertake credit searches and additional fraud searches.

On request, **We** can supply further details of the databases **We** access or contribute to.

If **We** transfer **Your** information to a service provider or agent in another country **We** will make sure that the service provider or agent agrees to apply the same level of protection as **We** are required to apply to information held in the United Kingdom and to use **Your** information only for the purpose of providing the service to **Us**.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Our promise of service

It is always the intention to provide a first class standard of service. However it is appreciated that occasionally things go wrong. In some cases the insurance advisor who arranged the insurance will be able to resolve any concerns and **You** should contact them directly.

Alternatively if **You** need to complain please contact the Pen Underwriting Limited Complaints Officer quoting **Your** policy or claim number.

Pen Underwriting Limited Complaints 7th Floor Spectrum Building 55 Blythswood Street Glasgow G2 7AT

Telephone: 0141 285 3539

Email: pencomplaints@penunderwriting.com

Your complaint will be acknowledged within 5 business days of receipt. If the complaint is not resolved within 4 weeks of receipt Pen Underwriting will write to You and let You know what further action will be taken. A final response letter will be issued within 8 weeks of receipt. Upon receipt of the final response letter if You remain dissatisfied You may refer Your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Whilst We are bound by the decision of the Financial Ombudsman Service, You are not. Following the complaints procedure does not affect Your right to take legal action.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If We cannot meet Our obligations, You may be entitled to compensation under the FSCS. Further information about the FSCS and the criteria under which You may be entitled to compensation is available on the FSCS website at www.fscs.org.uk or by writing to The Financial Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU.

POLICY DEFINITIONS

Wherever the following words or phrases appear in this Policy they will have the meanings defined below. A defined word will start with a capital letter and will be printed in bold (e.g. **You**).

Accidental Damage

Damage caused suddenly and unexpectedly by an outside force.

Bodily Injury

Bodily Injury includes death or disease.

British Isles

The United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Buildings

- (a) the Home and its decorations;
- (b) Fixtures and Fittings attached to the Home:
- (c) permanently installed hot tubs, swimming pools (but not swimming pool covers), professionally installed solar panels, professionally installed wind turbines, tennis
 - courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences and fixed fuel tanks;

that You own or for which You are legally responsible within the address named in the Schedule.

Contents and Fixtures & Fittings

Contents are household goods, within the **Home**, which are **Your** property or which **You** are legally responsible for.

Fixtures and Fittings include fitted furniture, kitchen, bathroom and floor coverings within the **Home** which **You** are legally responsible for. **Contents** includes:

- Radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the Home,
- Contents in the open or within outbuildings or garages at the Home are covered up to a maximum of £500 per occurrence (other than radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the Buildings).
- Carpets but not permanently fitted flooring.

Domestic Employee

A person who **You** employee to carry out domestic duties at the **Home** and who is not employed by **You** in connection with any business, trade, profession or employment.

Endorsement

A change in the terms and conditions of this insurance as shown on **Your Schedule**.

Excess

The amount **You** will have to pay towards each separate claim. The details of **Your Excess** will be shown on the **Schedule**.

Heave

Upward movement of the ground beneath the **Buildings** as a result of the soil expanding.

Home

The property, the garages and any outbuildings used for domestic purposes at the address shown in the **Schedule**.

Landslip

Downward movement of sloping ground.

Period of Insurance

The length of time for which this Policy is in force, as shown in the **Schedule**, and for which **You** have paid and **We** have accepted a premium. Each renewal represents the start of a new **Period of Insurance**.

Resident

The owner or tenant legally occupying any **Home** as shown on the **Schedule**.

Sanitary Ware

Washbasins, sinks, bidets, toilet pans and cisterns, shower trays, shower screens, baths and bath panels.

Schedule

The **Schedule** forms part of this Policy and contains details of the **Home**, the **Sums Insured**, **Excess**, **Endorsements**, the **Period of Insurance**, and the sections of this insurance which apply.

Settlement

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

Storm

Strong winds of over 47mph which will sometimes be accompanied by rain, snow or hail.

Heavy or persistent rain on its own is not a **Storm** unless it is a torrential downpour with over an inch of rain in a one hour period (or a proportionate amount in a shorter time of the same proportion).

Subsidence

Downward movement of the land beneath the **Buildings** that is not a result of **Settlement**.

Sum Insured

The amount shown on the **Schedule** as the most **We** will pay for claims resulting from one incident unless otherwise stated in this Policy Wording or on the **Schedule**.

Unoccupied

Not lived in or occupied overnight by the **Resident** for 45 consecutive days.

We / Us / Our / Insurer(s)

The Insurer(s) whose identity is stated in the Schedule.

You / Your / The Policyholder

The person or persons named in the Schedule

SECTION 1: BUILDINGS

(This Section only applies if stated as INSURED in the **Schedule**.)

A COVER

What is covered

We will pay for loss or damage to the **Buildings** caused by any of the following:

fire, smoke damage, lightning, explosion or earthquake

What is not covered

We will NOT pay for loss or damage:

a) to anything that happens gradually

What is covered

- aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them
- 3. Storm, flood or weight of snow

What is not covered

 a) to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks in the open, swimming pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, hedges, gates and fences, septic tanks, solar panels.

What is covered

4. escape or water from, or frost damage to, fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes

What is not covered

- a) to swimming pools, hot tubs
- b) while the Home is Unoccupied;
- c) caused by the failure or lack of grout and/or sealant
- d) resulting from the failure of fish tanks

What is covered

 escape of oil from a fixed domestic oilfired heating installation or smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation and the associated cost of decontaminating polluted land or water

What is not covered

- a) due to wear and tear or anything that happens gradually;
- b) to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks;
- c) caused by faulty workmanship:
- d) while the Home is Unoccupied

What is covered

6. theft or attempted theft

What is not covered

- a) while the Home is Unoccupied;
- The maximum We will pay for theft or attempted theft by Your tenant is £5000 for any one occurrence
 - i) Any amount recoverable from **Your** tenants deposit

What is covered

7. collision by any vehicle or animal

What is covered

- 8. (i) riot, civil unrest, strikes and labour or political disturbances
 - (ii) malicious acts

What is not covered

(i)

- a) while the Home is Unoccupied.
- b) if the claim is not reported within 7 days of the incident date

(ii)

- a) while the **Home** is **Unoccupied**:
- b) malicious acts caused by You
- c) While the **home** is occupied as a holiday let
- d) The maximum We will pay for malicious damage by Your tenants is £20,000 for any one occurence

What is covered

 Subsidence, Heave or Settlement of the land that the Buildings stand on, or Landslip;

- a) to domestic fixed fuel oil tanks, swimming pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences; (However, We will pay if We accept a claim for Subsidence, Heave or Landslip damage to the Home.)
- b) to solid floors:
 - (However, **We** will pay if the load bearing walls of the **Home** are damaged at the same time by the same event.)
- c) arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials;

- d) which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or guarantee or by law;
- e) caused by coastal erosion or riverbed erosion:
- f) whilst the **Buildings** are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions;
- g) as a result of the action of chemicals on, or the reaction of chemicals with any materials which form part of the **Buildings**;
- h) if You knew when this Policy started that any part of the Buildings had already been damaged by Subsidence, Heave or Landslip; (However, We will pay if You told Us about this and We accepted it.)
- i) caused by normal **Settlement** or shrinkage, or by recently placed infill materials moving up.

What is covered

 breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes and their fittings and masts;

What is covered

11. falling trees, telegraph poles or lamp-posts;

What is not covered

- a) caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the boundary of the **Home**;
- b) to gates and fences.
- c) (However, We will pay if the Home is damaged at the same time by the same event.)

What is covered

Unauthorised Occupation of the Home
 Loss or damage due to the Home being occupied by a person(s) who are not defined as a Resident.

What is not covered

 a) The maximum We will pay for loss or damage to the Home will be £10,000

What is covered

13. Cultivation of drugs

We will pay You in respect of loss or damage

arising from **Your** tenants use of the **Home** for the manufacture, cultivation, harvest or processing by any other method of drugs classed as a controlled substance under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971).

- a) if You have not carried out or can't provide evidence of tenant referencing
- b) if You or Your managing agent have not received credit references fir Your Tenant showing a satisfactory score from a licensed Credit Referencing Agency
- If You or Your managing agent have not obtained and recorded details of Your Tenant's bank account and received at least one month's rent from that account
- d) if You have not carried our internal and external inspections of the Home as per point 3 - Section 3 - Policy Conditions
- e) If **You** can't provide a copy of **Your** inspection record
- f) The maximum We will pay for loss or damage to the Home will be £10,000
- g) The maximum **We** will pay for increased use of metered utilities will be £500
- h) while the **Home** is **Unoccupied**

SECTION 1: BUILDINGS

B ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

What is covered

1. Underground Services

We will pay for the cost of repairing accidental breakage to:

- (a) domestic oil pipes;
- (b) underground water-supply pipes;
- (c) underground sewers, drains and septicm tanks:
- (d) underground gas pipes:
- (e) underground cables; which **You** are legally responsible for.'

What is not covered

Loss or damage:

- a) due to wear and tear or anything that happens gradually;
- b) due to a fault or limit of design. Manufacture, construction or installation;

What is covered

2. Glass and Sanitary Ware

We will pay for the cost of accidental breakage to:

- (a) fixed glass and double glazing (including the cost of replacing frames);
- (b) solar panels;
- (c) Sanitary Ware;
- (d) ceramic hobs:

forming part of the Buildings.

What is not covered

- a) loss or damage:
 - i) specifically excluded under this Section;
 - ii) movement, settling, shrinking, collapsing or cracking of the **Buildings**;
 - iii) while the **Home** is undergoing alteration, repair, cleaning, maintenance or extension;
 - iv) caused by wear and tear, frost or anything that happens gradually;
 - v) arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials;
 - vi) from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown;
 - vii) caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to light;
 - viii) caused by, contributed to or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination;
 - ix) while the Buildings are Unoccupied.
- b) general maintenance.

What is covered

3. Loss of Metered Water

We will pay for increased metered water charges **You** have to pay following an accidental escape of water discharged from a metered water system providing service to the **Home**.

The maximum that **We** will pay is £25,000 in any one occurrence

What is not covered

a) while the Home is Unoccupied.

What is covered

4. Unauthorised Use of Electricity Gas or Water

The costs of metered electricity, gas or water for which **You** are legally responsible arising from its unauthorised use by persons taking possession or occupying the **Home** without **Your** consent

What is not covered

- a) more than £25,000 any one claim
- b) where You have not inspected the property to stop the unauthorised use once You had be made aware of the unauthorised use.
- c) While the Home is Unoccupied

What is covered

5. Trace and Access

We will pay for:

- (a) Costs and expenses incurred in tracing the source of damage caused by the escape of water from any tank, apparatus, pipe or fixed heating systems in the **Home**;
- (b) any repairs directly arising from (a). The maximum that **We** will pay if £25,000 in any one occurrence

What is not covered

a) while the Home is Unoccupied.

What is covered

- 6. Loss of Rent and Alternative Accommodation If the Home is damaged by any cause covered under Section 1 - Buildings and, as a result, cannot be lived in. We will pay for:
 - (a) loss of rent due to **You** which **You** are unable to recover:
 - (b) any costs of alternative accommodation for the Resident and the Resident's pets; until the Home is ready to be lived in.

What is not covered

- a) any amount over 30% of the Sum Insured for the Buildings
- any loss of rent or alternative accommodation payable after the **Home** is reinstated and ready for habitation

What is covered

7. Damage caused by Emergency Services

We will pay for costs and expenses incurred following loss or damage caused by the emergency services in gaining access to the **Home** in the course of their duty to safeguard life or property.

What is not covered

We will not pay for

 The maximum We will pay for costs incurred in reinstating or repairing landscaped gardens and grounds is £25,000 for any one occurrence.

What is covered

8. Damage to Gardens

We will pay for trees, shrubs, plants and lawns following loss or damage insured under points 1 - 5 of Section 1 - Buildings.

What is not covered

Loss or damage:

- a) caused by domestic pets, animals, wildlife, birds, insects, vermin, fungus or frost;
- b) to trees, shrubs, plants and lawns dying naturally
- c) while the Buildings are Unoccupied. The maximum We will pay is £5,000 in any one Period of Insurance. Single article limit of £500 per tree, shrub or plant

What is covered

9. Replacement Locks

We will pay for the cost of replacing and fitting the locks or lock mechanism of external doors and windows of the **Home** if the keys are lost or stolen anywhere in the world.

The maximum **We** will pay is £5,000 in any one occurrence

What is covered

10. Removal of Nests

We will pay **You** for costs incurred by **You** to remove bees, wasps, and hornets nest from the **Home**

The maximum **We** will pay is £500 for any one occurrence

What is covered

11. Fire Extinguisher Equipment

We will pay You in respect of the cost of replacing or refilling, fire extinguishers, replacing sprinkler heads and refilling sprinkler tranks following loss or damage covered by insured peril.

The maxiumim **We** will pay is £5,000 for any one occurrence.

What is covered

12. Professional Fees and Other Expenses

We will pay for:

- (a) architects', surveyors' and consulting engineers' fees;
- (b) the cost of removing debris and demolishing or supporting the damaged parts of the Buildings, which We have agreed to pay;
- (c) costs **You** have to pay in order to comply with any Government or local authority requirements; incurred in reinstating or repairing the **Buildings** following damage insured under this Section

What is not covered

- a) expenses incurred for preparing a claim or an estimate of loss or damage;
- any costs if Government or local authority requirements have been served on You before the loss or damage.

What is covered

13. Selling Your Home

If You enter into a contract to sell the Home insured by this Policy, and they are destroyed or damaged by perils 1-13 of section 1 - Buildings prior to the sale being completed, the buyers will be entitled to any benefit from this insurance for the damage once the sale has been completed.

This will not apply if any other insurance has been arranged by or on behalf of the buyer.

What is covered

14. Property Owner's Liability

We will pay for all amounts You become legally liable for as owner of the **Buildings** as a result of:

- (a) Bodily Injury:
- (b) accidental loss of or damage to property; happening during the **Period of Insurance** and arising:
 - i. from Your ownership of the Buildings;
 - ii. under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 (or the Defective Premises Northern Ireland Order 1975) for any Home You previously owned and occupied or leased and occupied.

If the **Buildings** Section of this Policy is cancelled or ends, this Defective Premises Act cover will continue for seven years for any **Home** insured by this Section before the cover was cancelled or ceased.

The maximum **We** will pay in respect of any one occurrence is £2,000,000.

We will also pay all **Your** costs and expenses that **We** have agreed to in writing.

What is not covered

Your legal liability:

- a) as occupier of the Buildings;
- for accidental Bodily Injury to any person You employ if the Bodily Injury happens as a result of or in the course of their employment with You;
- c) for loss or damage to property which belongs to **You** or is in **Your** care;
- d) in connection with any motorised vehicle;
- e) under any agreement except to the extent that **You** would have been liable without that agreement;
- f) in connection with **Your** trade, business or profession;
- g) under (b) above where cover is provided by another policy of insurance.

What is covered

15. Domestic Employee Liability

We will pay 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 Employee(s) employed in connection with the Home shown in The Schedule.

What is not covered

Bodily Injury arising

- a) from the ownership, operation or possession of any mechanically propelled vehicle (except domestic gardening equipment).
- b) We will not pay more than £10,000,000 for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one event, plus the costs and expenses which We have agreed in writing.

C OPTIONAL EXTENSION

(Please note that the Optional Extension only applies if selected and is shown as selected in the **Schedule**)

What is covered

 Accidental Damage to the Buildings (This cover is optional and only applies if stated as INSURED in the Schedule.)

- a) loss or damage:
 - movement, settling, shrinking, collapsing or cracking of the **Buildings**,
 - ii) while the **Home** is undergoing alteration, repair, cleaning, maintenance or extension;
 - caused by wear and tear, infestation, corrosion, damp, mould or frost or any other anything that happens gradually;
 - iv) arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials;
 - v) from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown;
 - vi) caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to light;
 - vii) to swimming pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraced, walls, gates and fences and fuel tanks;
 - viii) caused by, contributed to or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination:
 - ix) while the Buildings are Unoccupied
 - x) caused by chewing, tearing, scratching or fouling by animals
 - xi) caused by unauthorised occupation of the **Home**
- b) general maintenance.

D EXCLUSIONS

Please note the following Exclusions apply to this entire Section.

We will NOT pay for:

- (a) anything contained within the General Exclusions Section:
- (b) the Excess specified in the Schedule;
- (c) wet or dry rot.

E CLAIMS SETTLEMENT UNDER SECTION 1

1. Limit of Insurance

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

2. Replacement or Repair

We will pay the cost of repair or replacement up to the sum insured. A deduction for wear, tear or betterment (where the **Buildings** would be improved by the repair or replacement) if:

- (a) the **Buildings** have not been maintained in good repair; or
- (b) at the time of any damage the Sum Insured for Buildings is less than the full rebuilding cost.

3. Pairs, Sets and Suites

We will not pay the cost of replacing any undamaged parts of the **Buildings** which form part of a pair, set, suite or part of a common design or function.

4. Automatic Re-instatement of Sums Insured We will NOT reduce the Sum Insured under this Section after We have paid a claim provided that You agree to carry out Our recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.

5. Sum Insured

If You are under-insured, which means the cost of replacing or repairing the Buildings at the time of the 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 replacing or repairing the Buildings, We will only pay one half of the cost of repair or replacement.

SECTION 2: CONTENTS AND FIXTURES & FITTINGS

(This Section only applies if stated as INSURED in the **Schedule**.)

A COVER

What is covered

We will provide cover for loss of or damage to the **Contents** in the **Home** caused by any of the following:

 fire, smoke damage, lightning, explosion or earthquake

What is not covered

We will NOT pay for loss or damage:

a) to anything that happens gradually

What is covered

aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them

What is covered

- 3. Storm, flood or weight of snow What is not covered
 - a) The maximum **We** will pay for **Contents** in the open is £500

What is covered

4. escape of water from or frost damage to fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes

What is not covered

- a) while the Home is Unoccupied
- b) caused by the failure or lack of grout and/or sealant
- c) resulting from the failure of fish tanks

What is covered

 escape of oil from a fixed domestic oilfired heating installation or smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation and the associated cost of decontaminating polluted land or water

- a) due to wear and tear or anything that happens gradually;
- b) caused by faulty workmanship;
- c) while the Home is Unoccupied.

What is covered

6. theft or attempted theft

What is not covered

- a) While the Home is Unoccupied
- b) The maximum **We** will pay for theft or attempted theft by Your tenants is £5,000 for any one occurrence
- Any amount recoverable from Your tenants deposit

What is covered

7. collision by any vehicle or animal

What is covered

- 8. (i) riot, civil unrest, strikes and labour or political disturbances
 - (ii) malicious acts

What is not covered

(i)

- a) while the Home is Unoccupied;
- b) if claims are not reported within 7 days of the incident date.

(ii)

- a) while the Home is Unoccupied;
- b) malicious acts caused by You
- c) While the **Home** is Occupied as a holiday let

The maximum We will pay for malicious damage by Your tenant is £20,000 for any one occurrence.

What is covered

 Subsidence, Heave or Settlement of the land that the Buildings stand on, or Landslip;

What is not covered

- a) to solid floors:
 - (However, **We** will pay if the load bearing walls of the **Home** are damaged at the same time by the same event.)
- b) arising from faulty design, specification, workmanship or materials;
- which but for the existence of this insurance would be covered under any contract or guarantee or by law;
- d) whilst the **Buildings** are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions;
- e) by coastal erosion or riverbed erosion

f) as a result of the action of chemicals on or reaction of chemicals with any materials which form part of the **Buildings**.

What is covered

10. falling trees, telegraph poles or lamp-posts; What is not covered

a) caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the boundary of the **Home**.

B ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

What is covered

- Alternative Accommodation & Loss of Rent
 If the Home is damaged by any causes
 covered under Section 2 Contents and
 Fixtures & Fittings and, as a result, cannot
 be lived in, We will pay for:
 - (a) loss of rent due to **You** which **You** are unable to recover;
 - (b) any costs of alternative accommodation for the **Resident** and the **Resident's** pets;

until the **Home** is ready to be lived in.

What is not covered

We will NOT pay for:

 a) any amount over 30% of the Sum Insured for the Contents and Fixtures & Fittings.

What is covered

2. Audio Equipment and Mirrors

We will pay for the cost of accidental breakage to:

- (a) audio visual equipment;
- (b) mirrors and fixed glass situated within the **Home** belonging to **You**.

- a) while the **Buildings** are **Unoccupied**.
- b) damage to computers or computer equipment designed to be portable;
- c) damage to video cameras, tablets, mobile phones, pagers, computer software, memory sticks, disk drives, games, recording tapes, discs or records;
- d) loss or damage:
 - i) caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon;
 - ii) caused by chewing, tearing, scratching or fouling by animals;

- iii) caused by wear and tear, moth, vermin, infestation, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost or anything that happens gradually;
- iv) arising out of fault design, specification, workmanship or materials;
- v) from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown:
- vi) arising from demolition, structural alteration or structural repair of the **Buildings**;
- vii) caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to light;
- viii) contributed to or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination.

What is covered

3. Locks and Keys

We will pay for the costs of changing locks to:

- (a) external doors of the Home;
- (b) alarm systems or domestic safes in the Home; following accidental loss or theft of keys.

The maximum amount **We** will pay in respect of any one occurrence is £5,000.

What is covered

4. Loss of Metered Water

We will pay for increased metered water charges **You** have to pay following an accidental escape of water discharged from a metered water system providing service to the **Home**. The maximum that **We** will pay is £25,000 in any one occurrence.

What is not covered

a) while the Home is Unoccupied

What is covered

5. Common Parts

Loss or damage to **Your Contents** in Common Parts of the **Home** to which all **Resident's** have access following loss or damage which is covered under the events insured under numbers 1 to 11 in Section 2 — **Contents and Fixtures & Fittings** — Standard Cover. The maximum amount **We** will pay is £2,500 in any one **Period of Insurance**.

What is covered

6. Fire Extinguishment Equipment

We will pay You in respect of the cost of replacing or refilling fire extinguishers, replacing sprinkler heads and refilling sprinkler tanks following loss or damage covered by an insured peril.

The maximum **We** will pay is £5,000 for any one occurrence

C OPTIONAL EXTENSION

(Please note that the Optional Extension only applies if selected and is shown as selected in the **Schedule**)

What is covered

1. Accidental Damage to the Contents and Fixtures & Fittings

(This cover is optional and only applies if stated as INSURED in the **Schedule**.)

- a) the Excess specified in the Schedule;
- b) damage to Contents and Fixtures & Fittings within garages and outbuildings;
- c) loss or damage;
 - caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon;
 - ii) caused by chewing, tearing, scratching or fouling by animals;
 - iii) caused by wear and tear, moth, vermin, infestation, corrosion, damp, wet or dry rot, mould or frost or anything that happens gradually:
 - iv) arising out of fault design, specification, workmanship or materials;
 - v) from mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown:
 - vi) arising from demolition, structural alteration or structural repair of the **Home**;
 - vii) caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to light;
 - viii) contributed to or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination;
 - ix) while the Home is Unoccupied;

D EXCLUSIONS

Contents and Fixtures & Fittings does not include:

- Motor vehicles, caravans, aircraft, trains, boats, hovercraft, wet-bikes, trailers and parts or their accessories.
- · Any living creature,
- Any part of the Buildings,
- Any property held or used for business purposes,
- Any property insured under any other insurance,
- Property of tenants or their visitors.
- · Clothing and Luggage.
- Sports, musical, camping and photographic equipment,
- Item of gold, silver or other precious metals
- Documents, deeds, stamps, credit cards or money
- The following Exclusions apply to this entire Section.

We will NOT pay for:

- a) anything contained within the General Exclusions Section;
- b) the Excess specified in the Schedule.

E CLAIMS SETTLEMENT UNDER SECTION 2

1. Limit of Insurance

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

2. Replacement or Repair

We will pay the cost of repair or replacement up to the sum insured. A deduction for wear, tear or betterment (where the Contents and Fixtures & Fittings would be improved by the repair or replacement) if:

- (a) The **Contents and Fixtures & Fittings** have not been maintained in good repair; or
- (b) at the time of any damage the Sum Insured for Contents and Fixtures & Fittings is less than the full replacement cost

3. Pairs, Sets and Suites

We will not pay the cost of replacing any undamaged parts of the Contents and Fixtures & Fittings which form part of a pair, set, suite or part of a common design or function

4. Automatic Re-instatement of Sums Insured

We will not reduce the Sum Insured under this Section after We have paid a claim provided that You agree to carry out Our recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.

5. Sum Insured

If You are under-insured, which means the cost of replacing or repairing the Contents and Fixtures & Fittings at the time of the loss or damage is more than Your Sum Insured for the Contents and Fixtures & Fittings, 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 and Fixtures & Fittings, We will only pay one half of the cost of repair or replacement.

SECTION 3: POLICY CONDITIONS

(The following Policy Conditions apply to all Sections of the Policy Booklet)

Where: (i) there has been a failure to comply with a term (express or implied) of this Policy, other than a term whichdefines the risk as a whole; and (ii) compliance with such term would tend to reduce the risk of loss of a particular kind and/or loss at a particular location and/or loss at a particular time, We cannot rely on the breach of such term to exclude, limit or discharge its liability if You shows that the failure to comply with such term could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

If You breach any warranty in this Policy, Our liability under the Policy shall be suspended from the time of the breach until the time when the breach is remedied (if it is capable of being remedied). We will have no liability to You for any loss which occurs, or which is attributable to something happening, during the period when Our liability is suspended

1. Information We need to know about

You must take care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions **We** ask when You take out, make changes to, and renew Your Policy.

If the information provided by **You** is not complete and accurate:

- We may cancel Your Policy and refuse to pay any claim, or
- We may not pay any claim in full, or
- We may revise the premium and/or change any Excess, or
- the extent of the cover may be affected.

2 Claims

Your duties

As soon as **You** are aware of an incident or cause which is likely to lead to a claim under this Policy, **You** must:

 (a) contact Us as soon as reasonably possible and provide all the information and help We need:

- (b) tell the police immediately about any property which has been lost, stolen or maliciously damaged and obtain a crime reference number;
- (c) send Us all correspondence unanswered, including any legal or other documents
 You may receive;
- (d) avoid discussing liability with, or admitting liability to, anyone else without Our permission.

To help Us settle Your claim

It is **Your** responsibility to provide proof of any loss and therefore **We** may ask **You** to provide [receipts, valuations, photographs, instruction booklets and guarantee cards] and any other relevant documentation, documents and assistance **We** may require to help with **Your** claim.

Our rights

- (a) We may:
 - take over and defend or settle any claim, or right You may have against another person, in Your name;
 - ii. prosecute (in Your name for Our own benefit) any claim for indemnity or damages or otherwise.
- (b) **We** have the right to do as **We** see fit in legal action and in settling **Your** claim.
- (c) We have the right to enter any Buildings where loss or damage has occurred and deal with salvage. However, You are not entitled to abandon any property to Us.

Sum Insured Limit

For any claim or series of claims the maximum **We** will pay is shown on your **Schedule** or within this Policy Booklet.

3. Inspection of The Home

You or a representative must inspect the **Home** internally, including the loft area and externally at least once every 6 months whilst the **Home** is tenanted.

In the event the **Home** is unoccupied these inspections must be carried out every 7 days.

Arecord of dates, times and any observations must be recorded and made available to **Us** in the event of a claim.

4. Fraud

If **You** make a fraudulent claim under this Policy **We** shall not be liable to pay **You** any sums in respect of the fraudulent claim.

We may recover from You any sums that the We have already paid to You in respect of the fraudulent claim. We may by notice to You treat this Policy as terminated with effect from the date of Your fraudulent act.

5. Other Insurance Policies

If there is any other insurance covering the same claim, **We** will only pay **Our** share of the claim.

6. Cancellation

Following the expiry of **Your** Statutory 14 day right to cancel (also known as the "cooling-off period"), **You** continue to have the right to cancel **Your** Policy at any time during its term.

If **You** do cancel **Your** Policy after the "cooling-off period", **You** will be entitled to a refund of any premium **You** have paid, less a deduction for the time **You** have been on cover, subject to no claims being made or notified during the **Period of Insurance**.

If You wish to cancel Your Policy at any time, please contact Your insurance advisor. We (or any agent We appoint and who acts with Our specific authority) may cancel this Policy by sending You 14 days notice by recorded delivery to Your last known address. You may be entitled to a refund of the premium paid, subject to a deduction for the time for which You have been covered.

We will only cancel for a valid reason, such as:

- Non-payment of premium;
- Suspected Fraud;
- There is a change in risk occurring which
 We are unable to insure;
- We establish that You have provided Us with incorrect information;
- You breach any terms and conditions of Your policy.

Your Duty to Keep to the Policy Conditions
 To be covered by this insurance, You must keep to the terms and conditions of this Policy.

8. Arbitration

If **We** have accepted **Your** claim but disagree with the amount to be paid, an arbitrator will decide the matter. **You** and **We** must agree on an arbitrator in line with law at the time. If **You** cannot agree **We** have the right to apply to the president of the relevant national law society to nominate a suitable qualified person. **You** must wait for the arbitrator's decision before **You** can take any legal action against **Us**.

9. Renewal of the Policy

If **We** are willing to continue providing cover and **Your** insurance adviser advises **You** of **Our** renewal terms before expiry of **Your** existing Policy, **You** authorise **Your** insurance adviser to renew this insurance, and any subsequent insurance, on expiry in accordance with **Our** renewal terms at the time, unless **You** advise **Your** insurance adviser otherwise before **Your** Policy renewal date. **You** must tell **Your** insurance adviser:

- Of any changes to the information contained within the statement(s) of fact
- If You do not wish to renew this policy

10. Your Duty to Prevent Loss or Damage

- (a) You, and any other person this insurance applies to, must take all reasonable precautions to prevent accidents, loss or damage.
- (b) All property insured by this Policy must be maintained in good condition.

Your Policy is intended to cover You against unforeseen events like fire or theft. It does not cover wear and tear or damage which happens gradually over a period of time.

11. Renovation or Refurbishment Works

If You intend to undertake any renovation or refurbishment work to the Buildings You

must inform **Your** insurance advisor at least 14 days prior to work commencing.

If **You** do not tell **Your** insurance advisor about the renovation or refurbishment work to the **Buildings** it may affect **Your** right to claim.

You do not need to tell Your insurance advisor if the work is for redecoration only.

12. Unoccupancy of the Home

If the **Home** specified in the schedule is **Unoccupied, You** will lose **Your** right to indemnity or payment for that claim unless **You** comply with the following:

- a) carry out internal and external inspections of the buildings at least every 14 days
- b) maintain a log of such inspections
- c) as soon as possible, repair or arrange to be repaired, any defects found
- d) The Home is not going to be demolished
- e) The cost of refurbishment or renovation does not exceed £50,000 inc VAT
- f) Regardless of the cost of any work You must tell Us before work commences if the planned work is structural i.e reroofing,knocking down or through a load bearing wall or extension to the existing buildings.
- g) remove all waste, combustible materials and gas bottles, either within or outside the buildings, from The Home
- h) securely lock all external doors, close and secure all windows.
- There is no cover for loss or damage caused by a contractor or sub-contractor

13. Holiday Home

We will not indemnify **You** in respect of damage arising from use of the **Home** as a holiday home including short term holiday lets, unless **You** comply with the below conditions.

You must

Ensure that all protections provided for the security of the **Home**

- are maintained in good working order, and
- are in full and effective operation with the keys removed whenever the **Home** are left unattended

 are not withdrawn or varied without our prior consent

Arrange for the **Home** to be internally inspected at least every 14 days with records kept of each visit.

Arrange for the removal of all waste including accumulation of mail from the **Home**.

Comply with all regulations/statutory conditions regarding the letting of the **Home** including, but not limited to:

- The number of persons legally allowed to reside at the **Home**
- Compliance with the furniture and furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988 (amended)
- Having the minimum legal number of smoke detectors/ fire extinguishers /fire blankets installed at the Home

Ensure all gas appliances fitted at the **Home** are serviced by an individual registered with the Gas Safe Register on an annual basis. A valid Landlord Gas Safety Record (also known as a CP12 certificate) must be in place at all times when the **Home** are let to tenant(s) and records kept for a minimum of 2 years. **We** will request sight of these if **You** wish to make a claim.

Retain utility bills relating to the **Home** as **We** may request sight of these following a claim for loss or damage caused by escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, heating installations, apparatus or pipes

SECTION 4: POLICY EXCLUSIONS

(The following Policy Conditions apply to all Sections of the Policy Wording)

1. Radioactive Contamination and Nuclear

Any legal liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, or contributed to by, or arising from:

- (a) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel:
- (b) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof

2. War Exclusion

Any consequence whatsoever which is the direct or indirect result of any of the following, or anything connected with any of the following whether or not such consequence has been contributed to by any other cause or event:

War, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or a warlike operation or operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, mutiny, rebellion, revolution, military rising, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power.

3. Date Change

Any loss or damage to any computer-related equipment which fails to correctly recognise a date change.

4. Computer Failure

Loss or damage to any computer related equipment caused by computer failure, computer error or any other malfunction.

5. Sonic Bangs

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

6. Reduction in Value

Any reduction in market value of the property insured following repair or replacement paid for under this Policy.

7. Deception

Any loss or damage suffered by **You** as a result of being deceived into knowingly parting with property unless deception is used only to get into the **Home**.

8. Confiscation

Any loss or damage caused by confiscation, detention or seizure by

- (a) customs, police or officials;
- (b) order of any court of law;
- (c) any statutory or regulatory authority.

9. Pollution and contamination

Any loss, damage or liability arising from pollution or contamination unless caused by:

- (a) a sudden and unforeseen and identifiable accident; or
- (b) leakage of oil from a domestic oil installation at the **Home**.

10. Existing damage

Any loss, damage, injury or accident occurring or arising from an event, before cover commences.

11. Gradually operating cause

Any loss, damage or liability arising from wear and tear or damage that happens gradually over time.

12. Defects and faults

Any loss or damage arising from defective design, defective materials or faulty workmanship, or failure to follow manufacturers' instructions.

13. Terrorism

Any consequence whatsoever which is directly or indirectly caused by nuclear and/or chemical and/or biological and/or radiological means, or anything connected with those means, and which is the direct or indirect result

of Terrorism, or anything connected with Terrorism, whether or not such consequence has been contributed to by any other cause or event.

Terrorism is defined as any act or acts including, but not limited to:

- (a) the use or threat of force and/or violence;
- (b) harm or damage to life or to property (or the threat of such harm or damage) including, but not limited to, harm or damage by nuclear and/or chemical and/ or biological and/or radiological means

caused or occasioned by any person(s) or group(s) of persons in whole or in part for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including, but not limited to, the intention to influence any government and, or to put the public or any Section of the public in fear, or is claimed to be caused or occasioned in whole or in part for such purposes.

This paragraph 9 on Terrorism applies only in respect of the **Buildings**, optional **Accidental Damage** cover to **Buildings**, **Contents**, optional **Accidental Damage** cover to **Contents** and **Personal Possessions** Sections of this Policy.

14. Other Actions

Any consequence whatsoever which is the direct or indirect result of any of the following, or anything connected with any of the following, whether or not such consequence has been contributed to by preventing suppressing or in any way relating to 2) War Exclusion or 14) Terrorism above.

15. Contractors Exclusion

There is no liability under this Policy for loss or damage caused by the activities of contractors

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