

THATCHED HOME POLICY WORDING



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Welcome to your Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd 'Thatched Home' insurance policy

Thank **You** for choosing Prestige Thatched Home. Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd home insurance is arranged on behalf of the insurer as shown on **Your Schedule**.

Our aim is to provide **You** with peace of mind when it comes to looking after **Your** household insurance needs and to make **Your** insurance cover clear and easy to understand.

You should read this **Policy** wording, along with **Your Schedule** and statement of fact, as together they give **You** full details of **Your** cover. If **You** have any questions about **Your Policy** documents, if any details are incorrect on any of the documentation **You** have received, or if **You** wish to make a change to **Your Policy**, please contact **Your Broker or Agent**, whose details are shown on **Your Schedule**. Please also contact **Us** if **You** require **Your** documents in an alternative format, for example large print.

Throughout this **Policy** some words are in **bold**. The meanings of these words are explained in the section headed 'Definition of words' on page 4.

Authorisation

Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Firm reference number 307105.

Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd is registered in Northern Ireland, NIO31853

Registered Office:
10, Governors Place,
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The insurer for **Your Policy** as shown on **Your Schedule** is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority unless otherwise stated.

Details can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting the Financial Conduct Authority website at www.fca.org.uk or by contacting them on 0800 111 6768.

The contract of insurance

This **Policy** is a contract of insurance between **You** and **Us**, consisting of this **Policy** wording, **Your Schedule**, any **Endorsements** and any changes to **Your** insurance **Policy** contained in notices issued by **Us** at renewal. This **Policy** wording contains important information about what is and what is not covered under this **Policy**. **Your Schedule** shows the details of **Your** cover, including which sections are operative, any **Excess** which will be applied if **You** make a claim and whether any **Endorsements** are applicable.

In return for having accepted **Your** premium **We** will provide insurance for injury, loss, damage or liability under the sections of cover detailed in this **Policy** and on **Your Schedule**; subject to this occurring within the **Period of Insurance**.

Your duty

It is **Your** responsibility to ensure that all the information that has been given by **You** or has been provided on **Your** behalf is accurate and complete to the best of **Your** knowledge and belief. **Your Policy** may be cancelled, **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid if **You** fail to provide **Us** with correct information or do not inform **Us** of relevant changes. See the section headed 'Changes you must tell us about' on page 8 for more information.

If **You** make a false statement, misrepresent or withhold information from **Us** this may result in **Your Policy** being voided, this means **Your Policy** will be treated as if it never existed and as a consequence all claims under the **Policy** will be refused and any premiums paid may be retained by **Us**.

If **You** are in any doubt that the information provided to **Us** is correct, please immediately contact **Your Broker or Agent**.

You are required to comply with all **Endorsements** applied to this **Policy**, as shown on **Your Schedule** and if **You** fail to do so **Your Policy** may be cancelled, **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid.

Definition of words

The definitions below apply throughout **Your Policy**.

Wherever the words or phrases below appear in **bold** print in the **Policy** they will have the meaning as defined below.

Accidental Damage

Sudden and unintentional physical damage that occurs unexpectedly and not through wear and tear, breakdown or malfunction.

Bodily Injury

A physical injury, death or disease that is caused by a sudden, unexpected, external and visible event.

Buildings

Your Home, its fixtures and fittings and any other permanent structure within the boundary of **Your Home** that belongs to **You** or that **You** are legally responsible for, including the following:

- tennis courts, patios, paved terraces, paths, drives, garden walls, fences, gates, hedges, permanently connected drains, pipes, cables, service tanks, septic tanks, soakaways and central heating fuel storage tanks
- permanently installed swimming pools and hot tubs
- solar panels, wind turbines and ground source heating pumps permanently fixed to the **Buildings** or land belonging to **Your Home**

Business Equipment

All computer equipment (including software, but excluding data) and office equipment owned by **You** and used for clerical purposes in connection with **Your** business that may be run from the **Home**.

Contents

Household goods, personal property and **Business Equipment** within the **Home** that belong to **You** or **You** are legally responsible for, including the following:

- **Tenant's** fixtures and fittings
- radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the **Home**
- hot tubs not permanently installed
- deeds and registered bonds and other personal documents up to £1,500 in total
- stamps or coins forming part of a collection up to £2,500 in total
- **Valuables** within the **Home** up to 33% of the **Contents** sum insured and a single article or collection limit of 10% of the **Contents** sum insured, unless shown otherwise on **Your Schedule**

Contents does NOT include:

- **Motorised Vehicles or Craft**
- any living creature
- trees, bushes, plants or shrubs other than those normally kept in the **Home**
- any part of the **Buildings**
- any property held or used for business purposes other than **Business Equipment** up to £5,000 in total

Credit Cards

Credit Cards, charge cards, debit cards, bank cards and cash dispenser cards issued in the **United Kingdom** belonging to **You**.

Definition of words Cont.

Domestic Staff

A person(s) employed to carry out private domestic duties associated with **Your Home** and not employed by **You** in any capacity or in connection with any trade profession or employment.

Downloadable Data

Software, data or files (including audio visual) legally downloaded to computer(s), **Home** entertainment equipment or mobile phones belonging to **You**.

Endorsement

Any variations to the terms and conditions of this insurance as shown on **Your Schedule**.

Excess

The first part of any claim **You** have to pay as stated on **Your Schedule** or **Endorsement**.

Heave

Upward or sideways movement of the ground beneath **Your Buildings** caused by the soil expanding.

Home

The private dwelling and its domestic outbuildings and garages at the address shown on **Your Schedule**.

Landslip

Downward movement of sloping ground.

Money

Current legal tender, cash, cheques, money orders, postal orders, unused current postage stamps (that are not part of a collection), savings stamps, savings certificates, share certificates, premium bonds, luncheon vouchers, travellers cheques, travel tickets, season tickets, phone cards, gift tokens and other tokens with a cash value, but not including tickets or gift vouchers for sporting, musical, cultural events or festivals, or any items used for business purposes.

Motorised Vehicle or Craft

Mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles which includes adults and children's motor cycles, quad bikes, trikes or go karts, trailers or caravans; including their parts and accessories, aircraft, drones, remotely piloted aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicles, hovercraft, boats, sailboards or any other craft designed to be used in or on water and any parts, accessories or spares for any of these other than:

- domestic gardening vehicles and equipment used within the boundaries of the land belonging to the **Home**
- mobility scooters, electric wheelchairs and power chairs; excluding vehicles registered for road use
- golf carts and trolleys
- remote-controlled toys and models

Period of Insurance

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

Personal Possessions

Items that **You** wear, use or are normally carried about **Your** person all of which belong to **You** or for which **You** are legally responsible. **Personal Possessions** does NOT include contact, corneal or micro corneal lenses, dentures, crowns, caps or fillings in teeth.

Definition of words Cont.

Policy

Your Policy wording and most recent **Schedule** including any **Endorsements**; which describes the cover provided, which **You** have paid for, or agreed to pay for and for which **We** have accepted the premium.

Sanitary Ware

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

Schedule

The **Schedule** forms part of this insurance and contains details of the insurers, **You**, **Your** statement of fact, **Your** property, the sums insured, the **Excess**, any **Endorsements**, the **Period of Insurance** and the sections of this insurance which apply.

Settlement

The downward movement of properties after they are built caused by compression of soil by the super imposed weight of the structure.

Storm

A period of violent weather which may incorporate:

- wind speeds of at least 48 knots (55mph)
- torrential rain, falling at a rate of at least 25mm an hour
- snow to a depth of at least one foot (30 centimetres) in a 24 hour period
- hail of such intensity that it causes damage to hardened surfaces or breaks glass

Specified Item

Item(s) that have been individually identified to **Us** and are shown on **Your Schedule**.

Subsidence

Downward movement of the ground beneath the **Buildings** by a cause other than **Settlement**.

Tenant

The occupier(s) of the **Home** when let including let holiday homes OR the leaseholder(s) of the **Home**.

Terrorism

The use of biological, radiological, chemical and/or nuclear force, or contamination and threat thereof by any person or group of people whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purpose(s), including the intention to influence any government(s) and/or to put the public in fear.

United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom** will include England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Unoccupied

- a) Furnished for normal habitation but not lived in for more than 60 days in a row.
By lived in **We** mean that the **Home** must be occupied at least 5 nights in a row each month or 2 nights in a row each week within a 60 day period
- b) Insufficiently furnished for normal habitation

Definition of words Cont.

Valuables

Jewellery, furs, gold, silver, gold and silver plated articles and other precious metals, gems, stones, pictures, paintings and other works of art.

Vermin

Animals that are destructive, including but not limited to; rats, mice, squirrels, owls, pigeons, foxes, bees, wasps or hornets.

We / Us / Our

Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd on behalf of the insurer as shown on **Your Schedule**.

You / Your

The person(s) named as the policyholder on the **Schedule** and any of the following who normally live with them: husband, wife, partner (a person living with them as though married), civil partner, children, parents and other relatives.

Your Broker or Agent

The person or persons who placed this Insurance on **Your** behalf.

General conditions

These general conditions apply to the sections of cover **You** have chosen, which are shown on **Your Schedule**.

If **Your Policy** is providing cover for more than one **Home** as shown on **Your Schedule**, **We** will consider each property as if it were insured separately.

You must comply with these conditions to have full protection of **Your Policy**. If **You** do not comply with them **Your Policy** may be cancelled, **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid.

1. The law which applies to this policy

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**.

2. Rights of third parties

No third party shall have any rights under this **Policy** or the right to enforce any part of it unless provided for by law or expressly stated in this **Policy**.

3. Changes you must tell us about

You must notify **Us** as soon as possible of any change to the information **You** have previously provided to **Us**, via **Your Broker or Agent**.

Below are some examples of changes **You** must tell **Us** about:

- if **You** change **Your** insured or correspondence address
- if **You** intend to let or sub-let **Your Home**
- if the **Tenant** type at the **Home** changes
- if the use of the **Home** changes and the **Home** becomes listed as a commercial premises
- if **Your Home** is used for business purposes other than clerical work
- if **You** intend to use **Your Home** for any reason other than private residential purposes
- if **Your Home** becomes **Unoccupied**
- if **You** become bankrupt
- if **You** are convicted of a criminal offence other than driving offences
- if the occupancy of the **Home** changes
- if the **Contents**, **Valuables** or **Personal Possessions** sum insured changes (if **You** have these sections insured with **Us**)
- if the full rebuilding cost of **Your** property changes (if **You** have **Buildings** cover with **Us**)
- if **You** plan to do any of the following works to the **Buildings**;
 - extensions
 - works affecting load bearing walls
 - any roofing work
 - any structural works including demolition
 - any works costing 50% or more of the **Buildings** sum insured
- if the type of locks or alarm change or if **You** no longer have an alarm maintenance contract in force

When **You** tell **Us** about a change **We** will reassess the premium and terms of **Your Policy** and advise **You** of any changes.

If **We** are unable to continue cover, **We** will notify **You** and arrange for **Your Policy** to be cancelled as per the section headed 'Cancellation'.

General conditions Cont.

4. Cancellation

Statutory cancellation rights

You may cancel this **Policy** within 14 days of receipt of **Your Policy** documents or the start date of the **Period of Insurance**, whichever is the latter (the cooling off period). If cover has not commenced a full refund will be given, if cover has commenced **We** will refund the premium paid for the period of unused cover. There will be no refund of premium in the event **You** have made or are in the process of making a claim in the current **Period of Insurance**.

Cancellation outside the statutory period

You may cancel **Your Policy** at any time after the cooling off period, when **We** will refund any premium paid for the period of unused cover, as long as **You** have not made any claim or are in the process of making a claim in the current **Period of Insurance**.

If **You** have arranged to pay **Your** premium using a monthly instalment plan and **We** settle a claim during the current **Period of Insurance**, **You** must continue with the payments until the **Policy** renewal date, or **We** may, at **Our** discretion deduct the outstanding instalments from any claim payment **We** make.

If **You** do not exercise **Your** right to cancel, **Your Policy** will continue, and **You** will be required to pay the premium. To cancel **Your Policy** please contact **Your Broker** or **Agent**.

Our right to cancel

We and **Your Broker** or **Agent** can cancel **Your Policy** at any time by sending **You** 7 days written notice to **Your** last known address. **We** will refund any premium paid for the period of unused cover, as long as **You** have not made a claim or are in the process of making a claim in the current **Period of Insurance**. Valid reasons for cancellation may include;

- where **You** fail to notify **Us** as soon as possible of a change in information **You** have previously given **Us**
- where **You** fail to pay the agreed premium or any additional premiums applicable or, if paying the premium by instalments, **You** fail to pay any of the agreed instalments, where **We** have made reasonable attempts to collect outstanding premium
- where there is a change in circumstances that **You** fail to tell **Us** about or which no longer meets **Our** underwriting criteria
- where **You** fail to take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury, loss or damage or fail to take all practicable steps to safeguard property insured under this **Policy** from loss or damage
- where **We** reasonably suspect fraud
- where **You** are required by the terms of **Your Policy** to co-operate with **Us**, or send **Us** information or documentation and **You** fail to do so in a way that materially affects **Our** ability to process a claim, or **Our** ability to defend **Our** interests

5. Premium Payment

We will not make any payment under this **Policy** unless **You** have paid or agreed to pay all applicable premiums in full. In the event of non-payment of the premium or a default if **You** are paying by instalments, **We** or **Your Broker** or **Agent** may cancel the **Policy** by sending **You** seven days written notice to **Your** last known address.

General conditions Cont.

6. Sums Insured

You have an ongoing duty to ensure that **Your** sums insured represent the full value of the property insured at all times.

For **Buildings**, this means the cost of rebuilding the **Buildings** if they were completely destroyed, including demolition, debris removal and professional fees. This will not necessarily be the market value.

For **Contents**, including **Valuables** and **Personal Possessions**, this is the current cost as new. Other than clothes, furs and household linen where the current cost as new less an appropriate allowance for wear and tear may be applied.

If the amount shown on **Your Schedule** represents less than 100% of the full value, **We** will only settle claims at the percentage **You** are insured for.

For example, if **Your** sums insured only represent 70% of the full value, **We** will not pay more than 70% of **Your** claim.

7. Proof of value

For all **Valuables** valued in excess of £2,500 **You** must hold an appropriate valuation, no more than 3 years old, which must be made available to **Us** upon request, should **You** make a claim for the item(s).

8. Index Linking

Buildings: The sum insured shown on **Your Schedule** is adjusted monthly in line with the House Rebuilding Cost Index prepared by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and **Your** annual premium will be calculated on the adjusted sum insured.

The sum insured will continue to increase during repair or replacement following loss or damage to the **Buildings** provided that at the time it represents the full rebuilding cost of the **Home** and **You** ensure that repairs or replacement are carried out without undue delay.

Contents: The sum insured shown on **Your Schedule** is adjusted monthly in line with the Consumer Durable Section of the Retail Price Index prepared by the Office for National Statistics and **Your** annual premium will be calculated on the adjusted sum insured.

The sum insured will continue to increase during repair or replacement following loss or damage to the **Contents** provided that at the time it represents the full replacement cost on a new for old basis and **You** ensure that repairs or replacement are carried out without undue delay.

Valuables & Personal Possessions: The sum insured for these items are not adjusted and the onus is on **You** to ensure the sum insured is adequate.

9. Policy Fee

We reserve the right to apply a fee to **Your Policy** and retain this upon cancellation.

10. Taking care of your property and preventing loss or damage

You must take steps to maintain the **Home** in a good state of repair and take all reasonable precautions to avoid loss, damage or injury and to safeguard all property insured from loss or damage.

General conditions Cont.

11. No Claim Discount

If **You** make a claim under **Your Policy** **We** will reduce **Your** no claim discount at the renewal date of **Your Policy**. If **You** do not make a claim under **Your Policy** **We** will increase **Your** no claim discount at the renewal date of **Your Policy** until **You** reach the maximum discount.

12. Fraudulent claims

We will not pay for any claim which is in any part fraudulent or exaggerated, or if **You** or any person acting for **You** uses fraudulent means to gain benefits under the **Policy**. If **You** know of, or deliberately cause any injury or damage, **We** will not pay **Your** claim and may cancel **Your Policy**.

Throughout **Your** dealings with **Us** **We** expect **You** to act honestly. If **You** or anyone acting for **You**:

- make a claim under the **Policy** knowing the claim to be false or fraudulently exaggerated in any respect
- make a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any respect
- submit a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false in any respect
- make a claim in respect of any loss or damage caused by **Your** deliberate act or with **Your** involvement

then **We**:

- may not pay the claim
- may not pay any other fraudulent claim that has been or will be made under the **Policy**
- may cancel the **Policy** from the date of the fraudulent act
- will be entitled to recover from **You** the amount of any fraudulent claim already paid under the **Policy** since the **Policy** commenced
- may not refund any premium paid for the **Policy**
- may inform the Police of the circumstances
- may prosecute fraudulent claimants

13. Sanctions Clause

We shall not provide any benefit under this contract of insurance to the extent of providing cover, payment of any claim or the provision of any benefit where doing so would breach any sanction, prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.

14. Refunds

The minimum amount **We** will refund is £10. Any refund less than £10 will not be given.

General exclusions

These exclusions apply throughout **Your Policy**.

We will not pay for:

1. Any loss or damage caused by:

- a) Confiscation or detention by customs or other officials or authorities
- b) Reduction in value of any property following its repair or reinstatement
- c) Riot or civil commotion outside the **United Kingdom**
- d) Sonic bangs, pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

2. Gradual deterioration/maintenance

Any loss or damage caused by wear and tear, corrosion, damp, mould, dry or wet rot or fungus or any other damage that happens gradually over time and costs that arise from the normal use, maintenance and upkeep of **Your Buildings** and/or its **Contents**.

3. Liability Insurance

Any liability which is covered under a more specific **Policy**. This exclusion applies to liability to **Domestic Staff, Tenant's** liability, public liability and property owners liability.

4. Pollution/contamination

Loss, damage, liability or **Bodily Injury** arising directly or indirectly from pollution or contamination unless caused by:

- a) a sudden and unforeseen and identifiable incident;
- b) leakage of oil from a domestic oil installation at **Your Home**

5. Radioactive or nuclear contamination

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

- a) ionizing 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 of its nuclear component.

6. Terrorism

Any loss damage, liability, cost or expense of whatever nature directly or indirectly caused, or happening through, or in connection with any act of **Terrorism**.

7. War risks

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

General exclusions Cont.

8. You are not covered for loss or damage:

- caused by cleaning, restoring, altering, dyeing, repairing, dismantling, misusing, maintaining or extending
- or liability arising out of the activities of contractors. Whilst contractors are at the **Home**, there is no cover for theft or attempted theft from the **Home** unless there is physical evidence of forced entry to, or exit from, the **Home**
- in connection with **Your** business, trade or profession, other than damage to **Business Equipment**
- caused by faulty workmanship, faulty materials or faulty design (other than in respect of **Your** liability as property owner)
- that would not have occurred if **You** had not failed to deal with damage to the property, which **You** could reasonably be expected to have noticed or where there has been an unreasonable delay in dealing with the damage
- that occurred before this **Policy** commenced
- more specifically covered by another **Policy**, legislation or guarantee
- caused by any criminal or deliberate act by **You**, **Your Domestic Staff**, **Your Tenant**, any occupant of the **Home** or any person to whom **You** have given **Your** permission to enter the **Home**
- caused by any **Vermin**, insects, pet or domesticated animal

9. Illegal activities

We will not pay for any loss, damage or liability arising as a result of the **Home** being used for illegal activities.

Claim conditions

You must comply with these conditions to have the full protection of **Your Policy**. If **You** do not comply with these conditions **Your Policy** may be cancelled, **Your** claim rejected or not fully paid.

Your duties

The first thing **We** recommend **You** do is check the cover provided on **Your Schedule** and if **Your Policy** provides cover for the loss or damage **You** should:

- if **You** are a victim of theft, riot, malicious damage, or property has been lost or stolen whilst away from **Your Home**, urgently inform the Police and obtain a crime reference number; ideally within 24 hours of discovery. For any incident of riot **You** must inform the Police within 7 days of the incident
- report the theft or loss of any credit card to the Police and credit card company; ideally within 24 hours of discovery
- take appropriate action to prevent the property from further loss or damage
- take all reasonable steps to recover missing property
- contact **Us** or **Your Broker or Agent** as soon as is practically possible and provide **Us** with details of the incident

How to make a claim

If **You** need to make a claim **You** should do so as soon as possible and can either contact **Our** claims department directly:

Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd, 4th Floor, Lanyon Building, North Derby Street, Belfast, BT15 3HL.
Phone: 08000 327327

or contact **Your Broker or Agent**.

In the event of an emergency **You** should:

- take any necessary steps to prevent further damage to the property e.g. shut off the water supply, turn off the gas and/or electric
- not dispose of any damaged items or carry out or have carried out any permanent repairs, as **We** may need to inspect the damage

What you must do after making your claim

We may ask **You** to provide information and assistance that are relevant to **Your** claim and **You** will be required to cooperate with **Us** and where requested, provide evidence of ownership and/or proof of the loss. For example **We** may request copies of purchase receipts, instruction manuals, guarantee cards, valuations, photographs, utility and/or local authority bills, pre-purchase surveys, plans or deeds to **Your** property.

If **You** submit a claim for theft of a pedal cycle away from the **Home** for which a 'Sold Secure' approved lock is required, **You** will be required to provide evidence of ownership of an appropriate lock.

We will accept proof in the following ways:

- a dated purchase receipt, or if bought online a web receipt, both of which must detail the type of lock purchased
- a bank or credit card statement clearly showing the purchase of the cycle lock
- written confirmation of the purchase provided by an accredited cycle retailer
- photographs clearly showing the lock attached and detached from the cycle, which must be provided at the time of arranging cover and in any event prior to a loss occurring. Where possible the photos should be date stamped

Claim conditions Cont.

If a Sold Secure rated lock is not used (when required) to secure pedal cycles through the frame to an immovable object, **Your** claim could be rejected or not fully paid.

To assist **Us** in dealing with **Your** claim, **We** may also ask that **You** obtain estimates for the replacement or repair of any damaged property and **We** will pay any reasonable expenses **You** incur in providing **Us** with these as part of **Your** claim.

You must allow **Us** access to any **Buildings** that have been damaged and to salvage anything **We** can and ensure no further damage occurs.

If **You** are being held responsible by someone for damage to their property or **Bodily Injury** to them, **You** must provide **Us** with full details as soon as possible and send **Us** any claim form, application notice, legal document or any other correspondence sent to **You**.

What you must not do:

- dispose of any damaged items, carry out or have carried out any permanent repairs, as **We** may need to see them and/or inspect the damage
- abandon any property to **Us**
- if **You** are being held responsible by someone for injury or damage, **You** must not admit or deny responsibility or make/reach any agreement with them

In dealing with any claim under this **Policy**, **We** may either before or after **We** pay **Your** claim:

- carry out the defence or settlement of any claim and if required choose the solicitor who will act in any legal action and arrange for payment of any associated costs and/or expenses
- take any legal action in **Your** name or the name of any other person covered by this **Policy** to recover any money due from a third party or get compensation
- take possession of the property insured and deal with any salvage

How we settle claims:

- **We** will pay for the cost of reinstating, repairing or replacing **Your Buildings**, and/or **Contents** belonging to **You**, which are covered by this **Policy**. **We** will decide whether to pay to reinstate, repair, replace or pay **You** the cash value.
- if **We** offer to repair or replace any item and **You** ask **Us** to pay **You** the cash value, **We** will not pay **You** more than the amount it would cost **Us** to repair or replace the item through **Our** preferred supplier
- if **We** are unable to provide a suitable replacement, then **We** will pay the full replacement cost of the item with no discount applied
- **We** will not pay more than the sum insured for any claim and the amount **We** will pay may also be dependent upon any limit shown in **Your Policy** and/or **Schedule**
- **We** will not reduce **Your** sums insured following any claim settlement
- if any **Excess** applies the amount applicable will be deducted from **Your** claim
- **We** will not pay for loss of value to any item or **Buildings** resulting from repair or replacement following a claim

We may appoint an approved contractor or supplier to act on **Our** behalf to validate **Your** claim and who will be authorised to arrange a quotation, repair or replacement.

Claim conditions Cont.

Buildings:

- **We** will settle claims for loss or damage to the **Buildings** without applying a deduction for wear and tear, subject to the **Buildings** being maintained in a good state of repair. If **Your Buildings** have not been maintained in a good state of repair, **We** may deduct an appropriate amount from any claim settlement, representative of the condition of **Your Buildings** prior to the incident for which **You** are claiming
- **We** will pay the reasonable cost of the work required to reinstate or replace any part of the **Buildings** damaged, for which cover is provided under this **Policy**, including any fees or related costs that have been agreed by **Us**
- if damage to the **Buildings** is not going to be rebuilt or reinstated, then **We** will pay **You** the lowest of the following:
 - the reduction in the value of the property as a result of the damage
 - the estimated cost of repair, if the repairs had been carried out without delay
- **We** may arrange for any relevant investigations to be carried out in connection with **Your** claim

Matching sets, suites and flooring

We will pay up to 50% of 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, for which a claim has been accepted by **Us**, but no more than the sum insured shown on **Your Schedule**. If a floor covering is damaged beyond repair, **We** will only pay to have the damaged flooring replaced. **We** will not pay for undamaged floor covering in any adjoining rooms.

Contents and Personal Possessions:

- **We** will settle claims for loss or damage to items which are beyond economic repair on a new for old basis as long as the **Contents** and **Personal Possessions** have been maintained in a good state of repair
- for any article that is lost or totally destroyed, **We** will pay **You** the cost to replace the item as new, with one of the same type and quality
- **We** will deduct an amount for wear and tear and depreciation for any claim for clothing, towels, bed or table linen and pedal cycles; other than pedal cycles specified on **Your Schedule**

If **Personal Possessions** are lost or damaged away from the **Home** **We** will not consider the value of the **Personal Possessions** in the **Home** at the time of such loss or damage.

If **You** claim for loss or damage to a **Personal Possession** which is specified on **Your Schedule** and the item is lost, destroyed or beyond economical repair, the onus is on **You** to amend the **Policy** to reflect any changes.

Matching pairs, sets or collection's

We will pay up to 50% of the cost of replacing any undamaged parts of the **Contents** which form part of pair, set or suite or part of a common design or function, for which a claim has been accepted by **Us**, but no more than the sum insured shown on **Your Schedule**.

Section 1 - Buildings (Standard cover)

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p> <p>Your Policy covers loss or damage to the Buildings caused by;</p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>1. fire and resultant smoke damage, lightning, explosion or earthquake</p>	<p>smoke damage caused by smog, agricultural or industrial operations</p>
<p>2. aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them</p>	
<p>3. Storm, flood or weight of snow</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) caused by Subsidence, Heave or Landslip other than as covered under number 10 in Section 1 – Buildings - Standard cover b) to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks in the open, swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, gates and fences c) caused by frost d) caused by rising ground water levels
<p>4. escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) caused by Subsidence, Heave or Landslip other than as covered under number 10 in Section 1 – Buildings - Standard cover c) to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks and swimming pools d) caused by water overflowing from wash basins, sinks, bidets, showers and baths as a result of taps being left on (unless You have chosen Accidental Damage cover)
<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>loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied</p>
<p>6. theft or attempted theft</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) while the Home is lent, let or sublet unless there is physical evidence of violent and forcible entry
<p>7. collision by any vehicle or animal</p>	<p>loss or damage caused by domestic pets</p>
<p>8. malicious acts or vandalism</p>	<p>loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied</p>

Section 1 - Buildings (Standard cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p> <p>Your Policy covers loss or damage to the Buildings caused by;</p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule</p>
<p>9. any person taking part in a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour and political disturbance or civil commotion</p>	<p>loss or damage not reported to the Police within 7 days of discovery</p>
<p>10. Subsidence, Heave or Landslip</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to domestic fixed fuel-oil tanks, ground source heating pumps, wind turbines, swimming pools, hot tubs, tennis courts, drives, paths, patios, terraces, walls, gates and fences, unless the Home is damaged at the same time by the same event b) to solid floors unless the foundations beneath the load bearing walls of the Home are damaged at the same time by the same event c) which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract, legislation or guarantee by law d) caused by coastal or riverbank erosion e) due to normal Settlement, shrinkage or expansion f) whilst the Buildings are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions including the action of chemicals on, or any reaction of chemicals with any materials which form part of the Buildings
<p>11. breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes and their fittings and masts</p>	<p>loss or damage to radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts</p>
<p>12. falling trees, telegraph poles, solar panels, wind turbines or lamp-posts</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the Home b) to gates and fences

Section 1 - Buildings (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<i>What Your Policy covers:</i>	<i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i>
<p>D) professional fees and expenses</p> <p>expenses You have to pay and which We have agreed for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • architects, surveyors, consulting engineers and legal fees • the cost of removing debris and making safe the Buildings • costs You have to pay in order to comply with any government or local authority requirements <p>following loss or damage to Buildings which are covered under Section 1</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p> <p>a) any expenses for preparing a claim or an estimate of loss or damage</p> <p>b) any costs if government or local authority requirements have been served on You before the loss or damage</p>
<p>E) loss of oil or metered water</p> <p>loss of oil or increased metered water charges You have to pay following an escape of water or oil, which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4 or 5 of Section 1 – Buildings - Standard cover</p>	<p>a) loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied</p> <p>b) more than £1,000 in any Period of Insurance. If You claim for such loss under Sections 1 and 2, We will not pay more than £1,000 in total</p>
<p>F) sale of Your Home</p> <p>anyone buying the Home will have the benefit of Section 1 from the date of exchange until the sale is completed or the Period of Insurance ends, whichever is sooner</p>	<p>if the Buildings are insured under any other Policy</p>
<p>G) trace & access</p> <p>the cost of tracing the source of the damage covered under number 4 and 5 of Section 1 – Buildings - Standard cover and the replacement or repair of any damage to the Buildings while carrying out the investigations</p>	<p>a) more than £5,000 in one Period of Insurance</p> <p>b) the cost of repair of the source of the damage unless it is covered elsewhere within Your Policy</p>

Section 1 - Buildings (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<i>What Your Policy covers:</i>	<i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i>
<p>H) emergency access</p> <p>loss or damage to the Buildings caused by the emergency services gaining access to the Home in the course of their duty</p> <p>the Excess does not apply to this cover</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>I) garden, plants & shrubs</p> <p>any loss or damage to plants, trees, bushes, shrubs and lawns at the Home as a result of number 1 and 3 - 9 under Section 1 - Buildings - Standard cover</p>	<p>more than £1,000 in any Period of Insurance</p>
<p>J) replacement locks</p> <p>The cost of replacing and fitting locks on external doors of the Buildings at the Home, or to any safe or alarm installed at the Home, following theft or loss of keys belonging to You</p>	<p>a) more than £500 per claim</p> <p>b) more than £2,500 in any Period of Insurance. If You claim under Sections 1 and 2, We will not pay more than £2,500 in total</p>

Section 1 - Buildings – Accidental Damage

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p> <p>Your Policy covers loss or damage to the Buildings caused by;</p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>Accidental Damage</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) We specifically exclude elsewhere under Section 1 – Buildings – Standard cover c) caused by frost d) arising from mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure e) caused by any part of the Buildings moving, settling, shrinking, collapsing or cracking f) when the Home is lent, let or sublet g) to drives, gates, hedges, fences, patios, paths, walls, fixed fuel tanks, tennis courts and swimming pools

Section 2 – Contents (Standard cover)

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p> <p>Your Policy covers loss or damage to the Contents caused by;</p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>1. fire and resultant smoke damage, lightning, explosion or earthquake</p>	<p>smoke damage caused by smog, agricultural or industrial operations</p>
<p>2. aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them</p>	
<p>3. Storm, flood or weight of snow</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) caused by Subsidence, Heave or Landslip other than as covered under number 10 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover b) caused by rising ground water levels c) caused by frost
<p>4. escape of water from fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) caused by water overflowing from wash basins, sinks, bidets, showers and baths as a result of taps being left on (unless You have Accidental Damage cover)
<p>5. escape of oil from a domestic fixed oil-fired heating installation and smoke damage caused by a fault in any fixed domestic heating installation</p>	<p>loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied</p>
<p>6. theft or attempted theft</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) while the Home is lent, let or sublet unless there is physical evidence of violent and forcible entry c) by deception other than deception used to solely enter the Home d) of Money unless force is used to gain entry to or exit from Your Home e) more than £5,000 per claim for detached domestic outbuildings/garages at the Home f) more than £10,000 per claim for attached domestic outbuildings/garages at the Home
<p>7. collision by any vehicle or animal</p>	<p>loss or damage caused by domestic pets</p>
<p>8. malicious acts or vandalism</p>	<p>loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied</p>

Section 2 – Contents (Standard cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p> <p>Your Policy covers loss or damage to the Contents caused by;</p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>9. any person taking part in a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour and political disturbance or civil commotion</p>	<p>loss or damage not reported to the Police within 7 days of discovery</p>
<p>10. Subsidence, Heave or Landslip</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) due to damage arising by movement of solid floors unless the foundations beneath the load bearing walls of the Home are damaged at the same time by the same event b) which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract, legislation or guarantee by law c) caused by coastal or riverbank erosion d) due to normal Settlement, shrinkage or expansion e) while the Buildings are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions including the action of chemicals on, or any reaction of chemicals with any materials which form part of the Buildings
<p>11. falling trees, telegraph poles, solar panels, wind turbines or lamp-posts</p>	<p>loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the Home</p>

Section 2 – Contents (Additional cover)

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p>
<p>A) Accidental Damage to fixtures & fittings</p> <p>We will pay for Accidental Damage to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fixed glass and double glazing (including the cost of repairing, removing or replacing frames) • glass tops and fixed glass in furniture • ceramic hobs • Sanitary Ware • mirrors 	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p> <p>loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied</p>
<p>B) Accidental Damage to underground services</p> <p>We will pay for Accidental Damage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • domestic oil pipes • underground water supply pipes • underground sewers drains and septic tanks • underground gas pipes • underground cables <p>which You are legally responsible for as Tenant only</p>	<p>damage to septic tank filters unless due to root infiltration</p>
<p>l. alternative accommodation</p> <p>We will pay the cost of alternative accommodation for You and Your domestic pets, TJNJMBSU Your existing accommodation and temporary storage of Your Contents, if the Home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any amount over 20% of the Contents sum insured shown on Your Schedule per claim b) any costs recoverable elsewhere c) any costs incurred without Our agreement to pay d) any costs after the property is reinstated and ready for habitation

Section 2 – Contents (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p>
<p>D) Accidental Damage to electronic equipment</p> <p>We will pay for Accidental Damage to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • televisions including satellite decoders and receivers and personal recording devices • audio and video equipment • personal computers, laptops and web books <p>all situated within the Home</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p> <p>loss or damage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) to records, compact discs, computer disks, cassettes or equipment, tapes, discs, memory sticks and computer software c) electrical or mechanical breakdown d) to computers or computer equipment by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) erasure or distortion of data ii) accidental erasure or mislaying or misfiling or documents or records iii) viruses e) arising from the cost of remaking any film, disc or tape or the value of any information contained on it f) to games consoles g) to digital cameras, video cameras, or digital imaging equipment that are primarily designed to be hand-held h) to mobile phones and hand held multi-media players or similar items designed and intended to be portable, other than laptop computers and web books
<p>E) loss of oil or metered water</p> <p>loss of oil or increased metered water charges You have to pay following an escape of water or oil, which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4 or 5 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) loss or damage while the Home is Unoccupied b) more than £1,000 in any Period of Insurance. If You claim for such loss under Sections 1 and 2 We will not pay more than £1,000 in total.

Section 2 – Contents (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p>
<p>F) Contents temporarily removed from Your Home</p> <p>We will pay for loss or damage to Contents under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover whilst temporarily removed from Your Home and kept securely in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any occupied private building • any building where You are living or working • any building for valuation, cleaning or repair • any professional storage facility building • any bank or safe deposit building <p>for up to 120 days in any Period of Insurance</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule</p> <p>loss or damage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to Contents outside the United Kingdom b) of Money or Credit Cards c) to Contents within a professional storage facility for more than 60 days d) any amount per claim over 20% of the sum insured under Section 2 while in a professional storage facility e) to Contents removed for exhibition or sale under number 6 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover, unless there is physical evidence of forced entry to, or exit from the building f) to Contents removed for exhibition or sale under number 6 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover, unless there is physical evidence of forced entry to, or exit from the building
<p>G) Contents at university, college or boarding school</p> <p>We will pay for loss or damage to Contents covered under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover.</p> <p>Cover applies when You are living in accommodation in the United Kingdom, whilst attending university, college or boarding school</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) more than £5,000 per claim b) for loss or damage under numbers 6 or 8 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover, unless there is physical evidence of forced entry to or exit from the accommodation
<p>H) emergency access</p> <p>any loss or damage caused by the emergency services gaining access to the Home in their course of duty</p> <p>the Excess does not apply to this cover.</p>	

Section 2 – Contents (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<i>What Your Policy covers:</i>	<i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i>
<p>I) household removals</p> <p>loss of or damage to Contents under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover including Accidental Damage if shown as included on Your Schedule, while being removed permanently from Your Home by a professional removal company, to any other private property You are going to live in within the United Kingdom, including whilst being stored within a professional storage facility for up to 72 hours</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule</p> <p>any amount per claim over 20% of the sum insured under Section 2 while in a professional storage facility loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to Contents outside the United Kingdom b) of Money or Credit Cards
<p>J) replacement locks</p> <p>the cost of replacing and fitting locks on external doors of the Buildings at the Home, or to any safe or alarm installed at the Home, following theft or loss of keys belonging to You</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) more than £500 per claim b) more than £2,500 in any Period of Insurance. If You claim under Sections 1 and 2, We will not pay more than £2,500 in total
<p>K) Tenants liability</p> <p>We will pay for loss or damage to the Buildings which You are legally responsible for as a Tenant, arising under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover including Accidental Damage if shown as included on Your Schedule</p>	<p>any amount per claim over 10% of the sum insured for Contents for loss or damage to the Buildings</p> <p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) to the Buildings caused by fire, lightning or explosion other than to the landlord's fixtures and fittings c) under numbers 8, 9 or 10 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover d) to fixtures and fittings You, as the Tenant, have installed

Section 2 – Contents (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<i>What Your Policy covers:</i>	<i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i>
<p>L) fatal injury</p> <p>We will pay:</p> <p>for fatal injury occurring to You at the Home, caused by fire or outward and visible violence by burglars, provided death occurs within 12 months of sustaining such injury.</p> <p>the Excess does not apply to this cover.</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule</p> <p>a) more than £5,000 per claim for each insured person under the age of 16</p> <p>b) more than £10,000 per claim for each insured person aged 16 or over</p>
<p>M) temporary increases to the Contents sum insured</p> <p>Your Contents sum insured is increased by 10%, for the period 30 days before and 30 days after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a wedding, civil partnership, anniversary, birthday and/or • a religious celebration 	
<p>N) guests, visitors and Domestic Staff personal effects</p> <p>We will pay for loss or damage under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover whilst in Your Home</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <p>a) specifically excluded under Section 2</p> <p>b) more specifically insured elsewhere</p> <p>c) more than £500 for each visitor per claim</p>
<p>O) domestic freezer cover</p> <p>We will pay the cost of replacing frozen food spoilt in any fridge or freezer in Your Home used for domestic purposes caused by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a rise or fall in temperature • contamination by refrigerant or refrigerant fumes 	<p>loss or damage:</p> <p>a) caused by Your gas or electricity supplier cutting off or restricting Your supply</p> <p>b) caused by a strike, a lockout or an industrial dispute</p> <p>c) more than £1,000 per claim</p> <p>d) if the appliance is more than 10 years old when the food becomes damaged</p>

Section 2 – Contents (Additional cover) Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<i>What Your Policy covers:</i>	<i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i>
<p>P) Downloadable Data</p> <p>We will pay the cost of replacing Downloadable Data stored on Your computer(s) or other personal electronic entertainment equipment, following loss or damage covered under numbers 1 to 11 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover including Accidental Damage if shown as insured on Your Schedule</p>	<p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p> <p>a) more than £2,500 per claim b) for any files or data that have been illegally obtained</p>
<p>Q) Contents in the open</p> <p>Contents not contained within the Home but still within the boundary of the land belonging to the Home</p>	<p>more than £1,500 in one Period of Insurance</p> <p>loss or damage:</p> <p>a) while the Home is Unoccupied b) under number 3 of Section 2 – Contents – Standard cover</p>
<p>R) pedal cycles</p> <p>accidental loss of or damage to pedal cycles up to £500</p>	<p>loss or damage:</p> <p>a) while being used for racing, pacemaking or trials b) to pedal cycle tyres, wheels or accessories unless the pedal cycle is lost or damaged at the same time c) unless in a building within the Home or locked to an immovable object</p>
<p>S) Money and Credit Cards</p> <p>We will pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> theft or accidental loss of Money any amounts which You become legally liable to pay as a result of unauthorized use following loss or theft of Your Credit Cards <p>anywhere in the world</p>	<p>a) more than £1,000 per claim b) loss of Money by mistake in change, counting or overpayment c) loss of Money not reported to the police within 24 hours of discovery d) any loss in value</p>

Section 2 - Contents - Accidental Damage

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p> <p>Your Policy covers loss or damage to the Contents caused by:</p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>Accidental Damage</p>	<p>any amount per claim over 10% of the Contents sum insured in total for porcelain, china, glass and other brittle articles</p> <p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) while the Home is Unoccupiedb) We exclude elsewhere under Section 2, other than items designed and intended to be portablec) to Money or Credit Cardsd) to contact, corneal or micro corneal lensese) to hearing aidsf) arising from mechanical or electrical breakdown or failureg) when the Home is lent, let or sublet

Section 3 - Personal Possessions and Valuables

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>We will pay for loss or damage to Personal Possessions and Valuables anywhere in the world</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) more than £2,500 for any one item (including articles forming part of a pair or set) unless shown as a Specified Item on Your Schedule b) more than £1,500 for theft or disappearance of property from any unattended motor vehicle c) theft or disappearance of property from any unattended motor vehicle, unless it is locked and the items were hidden from view in a concealed luggage area, boot or closed glove compartment d) more than £2,000 in respect of theft or disappearance of jewellery from hotel or other temporary accommodation during Your absence from such rooms e) any item of jewellery set with stones valued over £7,500 which has not been inspected by a professional jeweller, e.g. a member of 'The National Association of Jewellers' (www.naj.co.uk) at least once every 3 years, with any defect remedied f) any item of jewellery/watches with clasps valued over £7,500, which have not been serviced/inspected by a professional jeweller/horologist every 3 years with any defect remedied <p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) caused by mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown b) to guns caused by rusting or bursting of barrels c) to any sports equipment whilst in use d) to pedal cycles e) to contact, corneal or micro corneal lenses unless shown as a Specified Item on Your Schedule f) to dentures or dental appliances unless shown as a Specified Item on Your Schedule g) to items not in the custody, care or control of You h) to jewellery within baggage, unless the baggage is being carried by hand under Your personal supervision

Section 3 - Personal Possessions and Valuables Cont.

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

What Your Policy covers:

What Your Policy does not cover:

The amount of any **Excess** as shown in **Your Schedule**

- i) to **Motorised Vehicle or Craft**
- j) to articles used for business purposes unless identified to **Us** and shown as a **Specified Item** on **Your Schedule**
- k) to documents, lottery or raffle tickets or securities
- l) where the property has been obtained by a person using any form of payment which proves to be counterfeit, false, fraudulent, invalid, uncollectable, irrecoverable or irredeemable
- m) to precious metals, pictures, paintings and works of art outside the **Home**

Section 4 - Pedal Cycles

Your Schedule tells You if this section is in force.

<p><i>What Your Policy covers:</i></p>	<p><i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i></p> <p>The amount of any Excess as shown in Your Schedule.</p>
<p>We will pay the cost of repairing or replacing pedal cycles belonging to You (if shown as a Specified Item on Your Schedule) following loss or damage caused by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • theft or attempted theft • Accidental Damage <p>occurring anywhere in the United Kingdom and Europe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) cuts, bursts or punctures to tyres b) mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown c) theft or attempted theft when a pedal cycle is unattended, unless; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. it is in a secured locked building or; ii. secured through the frame of the cycle by a locked security device to an immovable object, permanent structure or motor vehicle or; iii. if the insured value of a cycle is over £1,500, secured through the frame of the cycle by a 'Sold Secure' 'Gold' standard security device to an immovable object, permanent structure or motor vehicle. <p>loss or damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to tyres, accessories, or removable parts of the pedal cycle unless the pedal cycle is stolen/lost or damaged at the same time b) when the pedal cycle is being used for racing, pacemaking, trials, testing or let out on hire or used for anything other than private purposes

Section 5 - Liability to Domestic Staff

This cover only applies if Section 2 – Contents is operative.

<i>What Your Policy covers:</i>	<i>What Your Policy does <u>not</u> cover:</i>
<p>Up to £10,000,000 to indemnify You for any one claim or series of claims arising from any one event You become legally liable to pay (which includes costs and expenses agreed by Us in writing) for accidental death, Bodily Injury or illness occurring within the United Kingdom, to any Domestic Staff employed in connection with the Home</p> <p>the Excess does not apply to this cover.</p>	<p>Bodily Injury (including death) sustained by Your Domestic Staff involving any Motorised Vehicle or Craft</p>

Section 6 - Property owner's liability

This cover only applies if Section 1 - **Buildings** is operative

What Your Policy covers:

We will indemnify You as owner of the **Home** for any amount up to £2,000,000 that **You** become legally liable to pay as damages in respect of accidental:

- **Bodily Injury**, death or disease
- damage to property

occurring at the **Home** during the **Period of Insurance**.

We will also indemnify You for any amount up to £2,000,000 that **You** become legally liable to pay under section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or section 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 in connection with any **home** previously owned and occupied by **You**.

the **Excess** does not apply to this cover.

What Your Policy does not cover:

Your legal liability to pay compensation or costs arising directly or indirectly from:

- a) any communicable disease or virus
- b) any business, trade, profession or employment of **You**
- c) death, **Bodily Injury** or damage caused by lifts (other than stair lifts), hoists or **Motorised Vehicles or Craft**
- d) the cost of repairing any fault or alleged fault
- e) **Your** occupation of any land or building
- f) **Bodily Injury**, death or disease to **You** or **Your Domestic Staff**
- g) damage to property belonging to **You** or **Your Domestic Staff**, or in their control or custody

Section 7 - Public liability

This cover only applies if Section 2- **Contents** is operative

What Your Policy covers:

We will indemnify **You** as occupier (not owner) of the **Home**, from employment of any **Domestic Staff** or any other personal capacity for any amount up to £2,000,000 that **You** become legally liable to pay in respect of accidental:

- **Bodily Injury**, death or disease
- damage to property

occurring anywhere in the world during the **Period of Insurance**

the **Excess** does not apply to this cover.

What Your Policy does not cover:

Your legal liability to pay compensation or costs arising directly or indirectly from:

- a) any communicable disease or virus
- b) any business, trade, profession or employment of **You**
- c) any deliberate, willful or malicious act carried out by **You**
- d) **Your** occupation of any land or building other than the **Home** or it's land or any temporary holiday accommodation
- e) ownership, possession or use of **Motorised Vehicles or Craft**
- f) ownership, possession or use of any animal other than cats, horses or dogs which are not designated as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or any amending legislation
- g) ownership, possession or use of any species of animal not domesticated in the **United Kingdom**
- h) any action brought against **You** by **You**, **Your Domestic Staff** and any person residing in the **Home**.

Making a complaint

We are committed to providing **You** with the highest standard of service at all times and if **Our** service doesn't meet **Your** expectations, **We** want to hear about it so **We** may try to put things right.

All complaints **We** receive are taken seriously and following the steps below, will help **Us** understand **Your** concerns and provide **You** with a fair response.

Making your complaint

If **Your** complaint relates to a claim on **Your Policy**, please contact the department dealing with **Your** claim.

If **Your** complaint relates to **Your Policy**, please contact **Us** or the insurer as shown on **Your Schedule**

Contact details:

Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd
4th Floor
Lanyon Building,
North Derby Street,
Belfast,
BT15 3HL

Phone: 08000 327327

Email: complaints@prestigeunderwriting.co.uk

When **You** make contact please provide the following information:

- **Your** name, address and postcode, telephone number and email address
- the address and postcode of the property insured if different to the above
- **Your Policy** and/or claim number and type of **Policy You** hold
- the name of **Your Broker or Agent**
- the reason for **Your** complaint

Telephone contact is often the most effective way to resolve a complaint quickly. Any written correspondence should be headed 'Complaint' and **You** may include copies of supporting material.

Beyond the insurer

Should **You** remain dissatisfied following **Our** final written response, **You** may be eligible to refer **Your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (F.O.S.) or an agreed Alternative Dispute Resolution Provider (ADRP).

The Financial Ombudsman Service is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products.

You have 6 months from the date of **Our** final response to refer **Your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. This does not affect **Your** right to take legal action.

The Financial Ombudsman Service

Exchange Tower
London E14 9SR

Phone: 0300 123 9123 (calls to this number cost no more than calls to 01 and 02 numbers)
or 0800 023 4567 (calls to this number are free on mobile phones and landlines)

Fax: 020 7964 1001 Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: help.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Making a complaint Cont.

If **We** or **Your Broker or Agent** agree to appoint an ADRP, **You** can make **Your** complaint within 12 months of receiving the final decision. A list of ADRPs can be found using the below link; www.tradingstandards.uk/advice/AlternativeDisputeResolution.cfm/.

Our promise to You

We will:

- acknowledge all complaints promptly
- investigate quickly and thoroughly
- keep **You** informed of progress
- do everything possible to resolve **Your** complaint
- use the information from complaints to continuously improve **Our** service

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

Prestige Underwriting Services Ltd and the insurer shown on **Your Schedule** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme in the unlikely event that **We** cannot meet **Our** obligations to **You**. This depends on the type of insurance and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk).

Telephone calls are recorded and monitored for accuracy of information. Call charges may vary depending on **Your** service provider.

The European Commission has also provided an Online Dispute Resolution Service for logging complaints. To use this service please go to: <http://ec.europa.eu/odr>

Privacy Notice

Our details

Prestige Underwriting Services Limited is the Data Controller for any personal information you supply to us. If you would like to speak to us about how we use your information you can contact us on 08000 327327 or contact us by writing to the Data Protection Officer, Prestige Underwriting Services Limited, 10 Governors Place, Carrickfergus, BT38 7BN.

How we will use your information

Your personal information may be used by Prestige Underwriting Services Limited for the following purposes that are necessary for the performance and management of your contract of insurance, to determine our underwriting and pricing strategies, for our legitimate interests as an underwriting agency and for compliance with any legal obligations.

- to make a decision whether we choose to accept or decline the proposed risk;
- to calculate your premium and policy terms;
- to service your policy;
- to maintain our records;
- to confirm your identity and to prevent fraud;
- to investigate and resolve any complaints;
- to deal with any claims you should submit under your policy;
- to verify the information you provide;
- to undertake internal quality monitoring and external audits;
- to carry out market research, pricing and underwriting strategies, statistical analysis and customer profiling;
- we may supply information to law enforcement agencies, our regulators and other statutory bodies when we believe it is necessary for the detection and prevention of crime and/or fraud and as otherwise required by or permitted by law.

The information we receive

We may obtain personal information from you directly or from someone you have authorised to supply personal information on your behalf, such as your broker. This information is necessary for the performance and management of your contract of insurance, for our legitimate interests as an underwriting agency and for compliance with any legal obligation. This information may consist of the following:

- your name, contact details (including home address, telephone number and e-mail address) and date of birth;
- all other personal information that is provided to your broker when completing an application for any policy, including (as necessary) any sensitive information (e.g. information about your health and/or previous convictions);
- details of all policies held with us including cover dates, any lapsed policies and cancellations;
- details of claims on policies held with us;
- your payment history relating to policies held with us.

If you are unable to supply the required information we may be unable to offer you insurance or continue with cover.

We may also obtain information from third parties such as credit reference agencies, CUE – Claims and Underwriting Exchange Register, the police and other insurers (e.g. to confirm your personal data and verify claims information).

We retain information in line with provisions issued by our regulatory body the Financial Conduct Authority in order to manage your policy, deal with complaints and manage claims. We will only retain your personal data for as long as we are required by law.

Privacy Notice Cont.

Disclosing other peoples information

You should show this privacy notice to anyone whose information is disclosed to us with your policy information, you must also obtain their consent to share their information. You must ensure all information provided to us is correct and to the best of your knowledge.

Fraud prevention and detection

It is important that you take reasonable care when providing us with information and answer any questions honestly and to the best of your knowledge. Providing fraudulent or incorrect information could affect the price of your policy, result in your policy being cancelled and claims being rejected or not fully paid.

As a condition of your policy, it is important that you report all incidents which may or may not give rise to a claim to us.

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) and check and/or file your details with fraud prevention agencies and databases. If you give us false or inaccurate information and/or we suspect fraud, we will record this. We can provide any details required by us under a court order.

We and other organisations may also search these agencies and databases to: help make decisions about the provision and administration of insurance, credit and related services (for you and members of your household), trace debtors or beneficiaries, recover debt, prevent fraud, manage your insurance policies, check your identity for the purposes of preventing money laundering (unless you furnish us with other satisfactory proof of identity) and undertake credit searches or additional fraud searches. On request, we can supply further details of the databases we access or contribute to.

Any information shared by us can be used by other bodies in their decision making process, as can information shared from other bodies be used in our decision making process.

Credit searches

If you consent to a credit search it will be soft search which is only visible to you (if you request a copy of your credit file at the credit reference agencies) and is not visible to other organisations. This type of credit reference check will not affect your credit file. The search will be visible on your credit report but it won't affect your credit rating as it's not an application for credit. The credit references agencies may add the details of our searches and information to their records relating to you.

If you require further information on credit searches, please follow the ICO link on credit reference checks: <https://ico.org.uk/media/for-the-public/documents/1282/credit-explained-dp-guidance.pdf>

Call recording

Telephone calls with us may be recorded for training, monitoring, audit requirements, quality assurance purposes and fraud prevention and detection. Call recordings may also be supplied to third parties or your insurer as shown on your schedule if they request a call recording in order to investigate a claim, complaint or suspected fraud which we have made them aware of.

Transfer to 3rd parties and outside the UK/EU

In order to deliver our services to you, we may use third party processors (for example credit searches and fraud prevention agencies). Such processing is conducted under contract and we ensure that appropriate data protection and information security assurances are provided.

Privacy Notice Cont.

We may also share your information with an authorised third party supplier appointed by us during a claim, for example a loss adjustor, recovery agencies or approved repairer in order to assist with your claim or provide repair/replacement services. We will only share the information required by the third party and will ensure that appropriate data protection and information security assurances are in place.

In circumstances where we may need to process some of your information using third parties located in countries outside of the European Union, we will take all necessary steps to ensure it is adequately protected. This includes ensuring there is an agreement in place with the third parties which provides the same level of protection as required by the data protection regulations in the UK.

Your rights

You have the right to access or obtain copies of the personal information held about you by us. A response to your request will be provided to you within one calendar month of us receiving a valid request.

You have the right to restrict processing of inaccurate information and request that we correct any inaccuracies in the information held about you. You may also have the right to erasure of data in certain circumstances.

Where we hold or process data on the basis of your consent you have the right to withdraw that consent.

You have the right to withdraw your consent for your information being used for market research, pricing strategies, underwriting strategies, statistical analytics and customer profiling.

If you wish avail of these rights please write to the Data Protection Officer, Prestige Underwriting Services Limited, 10 Governors Place, Carrickfergus, BT38 7BN or call us on 08000 327327 for more information.

The Information Commissioner

You can find more details about data protection from the Information Commissioner's Office at www.ico.org.uk. You can also contact the Information Commissioner if you believe we have not complied with our obligations.



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24 HOUR CLAIM REPORTING LINE 08000 327 327

You can call our claim reporting line anytime, day or night. We are on hand 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to take notification of any new claim and assist you in an emergency.

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