

# HOME INSURANCE POLICY WORDING



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### DATA PROTECTION

#### The basics

We and Vasek Insurance collect and use relevant information about you to provide the insurance cover that benefits you and to meet any legal obligations in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

This information includes details such as **your** name, address and contact details and any other necessary information that **we** or **Vasek Insurance** may require in connection with the insurance cover from which **you** benefit. This information may sometimes include more sensitive details about **you**, but only where this is necessary to be able to provide the insurance cover or to handle any claims.

The way insurance works means that **your** information may sometimes need to be provided to associated third parties in the insurance sector, but only where necessary to fulfil **our** or **Vasek Insurance's** obligations under the insurance contract, for example **your** insurers, agents or **your** insurance broker, **our** reinsurers, **our** or **Vasek Insurance's** preferred loss adjusters, **our** or **Vasek Insurance's** claims handlers, regulators, law enforcement agencies, fraud and crime prevention and detection agencies. **Your** personal information will only be disclosed in connection with **your** insurance cover and to the extent required or permitted by law. **Other people's details provided by you:** Where **you** provide **us** or **Vasek Insurance** with details about other people, **you** must provide this notice to them. **Want more details?** For more information about how **your** personal information is used, please see the full privacy notices which are available online on **our** and **Vasek Insurance's** websites, or in other formats on request.

#### Your rights

You have rights in relation to the information held about you, including the right to access your information. If you wish to exercise your rights, discuss how your information is used or request a copy of a full privacy notice, please contact us or Vasek Insurance using the details shown below:

#### Vasek Insurance

Data Protection Officer Email: dpo@vasek.co.uk Address: 30-34 Hounds Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7AB Phone: 0115 9505052 Website: www.vasek.co.uk/privacy.php

#### **AXIS Managing Agency Limited**

Data Protection Officer Email: dpo@axiscapital.com Address: Plantation Place South, 60 Great Tower Street, London, EC3R 5AZ Phone: 020 7877 3833 Website: www.axiscapital.com

We and Vasek Insurance may record any telephone calls to help monitor and improve the service provided.

### YOUR HOME INSURANCE POLICY

This insurance provides cover for the sections specified in the **schedule** during the **period of insurance** for which **you** have paid and **we** have accepted **your** premium.

Please read all the documents carefully to make sure they meet **your** requirements. This insurance is a contract between **you** and the **insurer**, as named in the **schedule** and the definitions on pages 7 to 10. It has been issued in accordance with the authorisation granted to **Vasek Insurance** by the **insurer** under the contract reference number shown in the **schedule** and **we** have relied on the information **you** have given **us**.

The information provided in the statement of fact, whether provided orally, electronically or in writing and the declaration that **you** have made, have been relied upon by **us** in entering into the insurance. (\*see important notice below)

This policy wording, along with the **schedule** and any **endorsement(s)** should be read together as one document and form the contract of insurance.

Certain conditions, exclusions and clauses apply to all sections of this insurance and are shown on pages 11, 12 and 13. It is important that **you** read them carefully, as they apply at all times.

#### \* Important Notice - Information you have given us

In deciding to accept this insurance and in setting the terms and premium, we have relied on the information given to us, either orally, electronically or in writing, by you or anyone acting on your behalf. You must take care when answering any questions we ask by ensuring that all information provided is accurate and complete. A copy of the information provided to us is contained within the statement of fact attached to the schedule. If you agree that the information is correct then please sign and date the statement of fact and retain for your records. Should the information be incorrect or missing then please contact Vasek Insurance or your insurance broker as soon as practicable so the correct information can be provided and updated. Please note that any corrected information may result in a change to the premium charged and/or the terms set by us or it may result in us being unable to continue this insurance and having to cancel this policy.

If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly provided **us** with false or misleading information **we** will treat this policy as if it never existed and decline all claims.

If **we** establish that **you** carelessly provided **us** with false or misleading information it could adversely affect **your** policy and any claim. For example, **we** may:

- treat this policy as if it had never existed and refuse to pay all claims and return the premium paid. We
  will only do this if we provided you with insurance cover which we would not otherwise have offered;
- amend the terms of this insurance. **We** may apply these amended terms as if they were already in place;
- charge you more for the remainder of your period of insurance and reduce the amount we pay on a claim in the proportion the premium you have paid bears to the premium we would have charged you; or
- cancel your policy in accordance with the cancellation condition as set out in this policy.

#### Vasek Insurance or your insurance broker will write to you if we:

- intend to treat this insurance as if never existed; or
- need to amend the terms of this insurance;
- require you to pay more for this insurance; or
- intend to cancel your policy.

#### **CANCELLING THIS INSURANCE**

You can cancel this insurance at any time by notifying the insurance **broker** who sold **you** this insurance, or **Vasek Insurance**.

This insurance has a cooling off period of 14 days' from either:

- The date you receive your insurance documentation, or
- The start of the period of insurance

whichever is the later, providing **you** have not made any claims **we** will refund the premium in full but not any credit card fees paid when **you** paid **Vasek Insurance** the premium.

You can cancel this insurance at any time outside the cooling off period by giving us 14 days' notice or 14 days' notice via your insurance broker. As long as no claims have been made or reported during the **period of insurance we** will return a proportion of **your** premium paid on a pro rata basis (for example if **you** have been covered for six (6) months, the deduction for the time **you** have been covered will be half the annual premium), less an administration charge of £20. No return of premium will be given if under £20 or if any claims have been reported or paid in whole or part during the **period of insurance**.

We can cancel this insurance by giving **you** 14 days' notice in writing to **your** last known postal address or via **your** insurance **broker**. If **we** do this **we** will return a proportion of **your** premium paid on a pro rata basis. We will only do this for a valid reason (examples of valid reasons are but not limited to):

- non payment of premium, including any direct debit or premium finance instalment;
- a change in risk occurring which means that we can no longer provide you with insurance cover;
- non-cooperation or failure to supply any information or documentation we request;
- threatening or abusive behaviour or the use of threatening or abusive language.

#### **ADMINISTRATION CHARGES**

**Vasek Insurance** charge a small administration fee for arranging and amending policies. Information of these charges can be found within **our** Terms and Conditions at www.vasek.co.uk. However no charge will ever be made if **you** wish to make a claim. Any administration fees are included in the premium charged.

#### YOUR TOTAL PEACE OF MIND

The **insurer** and **Vasek Insurance** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Scheme if the **insurer** or **Vasek Insurance** is unable to meet its obligations to **you** under this contract. If **you** were entitled to compensation under the Scheme, the level and extent of the compensation would depend on the nature of the contract. Further information about the Scheme is available from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St.Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU, by telephoning 0800 678 1100 and on their website www.fscs.org.uk.

#### **SANCTIONS**

**We** will not provide any benefit under this 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.

#### THE LAW APPLICABLE TO THIS INSURANCE

Under the laws of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) both **you** and **we** may choose the law which applies to this contract, to the extent permitted by those laws. Unless **you** and **we** agree otherwise, **we** have agreed with **you** that the law which applies to this contract is the law which applies to the part of the United Kingdom in which the **property** is situated, or, if the **property** is in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the law of whichever of those two places applies.

We and you have agreed that any legal proceedings between you and us in connection with this contract will only take place in the courts of the part of the United Kingdom in which the **property** is situated, or, if the **property** is in either the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the courts of whichever of those two places applies.

#### **OUR SERVICE COMMITMENT TO YOU**

**Our** aim is to ensure that all aspects of **your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times **we** are committed to providing **you** with the highest standard of service.

If **you** have any questions or concerns about **your** policy, the handling of a claim or wish to make a complaint **you** should, in the first instance, contact **Vasek Insurance**.

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In the event that **you** remain dissatisfied and wish to make a complaint, **you** can do so at any time by referring the matter to the Complaints Team at Lloyd's. The contact details are:-

#### **Complaints Team**

Lloyd's Fidentia House, Walter Burke Way Chatham Maritime, Chatham Kent ME4 4RN

Tel:0207 327 5693Fax:0207 327 5225Email:complaints@lloyds.comWebsite:www.lloyds.com/complaints

Details of Lloyd's complaints procedures are set out in a leaflet "Your Complaint - How We Can Help" available at www.lloyds.com/complaints and are also available from the above address. If **you** remain dissatisfied after Lloyd's has considered **your** complaint, or, in any event, after a period of eight weeks from making **your** complaint, **you** may refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).The Financial Ombudsman Service is an independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and business providing financial services. The contact details for the FOS are: The Financial Ombudsman Service from "fixed lines" in the UK) or 0300 1239123 (calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 and 02 numbers on mobile phone tariffs in the UK). Email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

If you have purchased your policy online you can also make a complaint via the EU's online dispute resolution (ODR) platform. The website for the ODR is: http://ec.europa.eu/odr. Should a complaint be received regarding companies other than us or Vasek Insurance and we are unable to provide a response, we will inform you of this and provide details of how you can progress your complaint.

This complaints procedure is without prejudice and does not affect **your** right to take legal action.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Certain words will carry the same meaning wherever they appear in sections one to seven in this policy, unless defined differently in the appropriate section. They are highlighted as follows:-

Accidental damage	physical damage caused suddenly and accidentally, and not through wear and tear, breakdown or malfunction.		
Bodily injury	physical injury including accidental death, disease or illness.		
Broker	the insurance agent/ <b>broker</b> who placed this insurance on <b>your</b> behalf		
Buildings	<ul> <li>the main structure of the <b>home</b> and its permanently fitted fixtures and fittings</li> <li>its domestic outbuildings and private garage(s)</li> <li>tennis courts, terraces, patios, paths, drives, walls, gates, fences, hedges,</li> </ul>		
	lamp-posts and railings		
	• permanently installed swimming pools, hot tubs and Jacuzzi's		
	<ul> <li>permanently fitted central heating/fuel tanks, septic tanks and cesspits</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>permanently fitted solar panels</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>permanently fitted flooring, but not carpets</li> </ul>		
	All within the <b>premises</b> named in the <b>schedule</b> which <b>you</b> own or for which <b>you</b> are legally liable.		
Collection	a group of identifiable items similar in nature and related to each other in design or type of object.		
Contents	household goods and personal property, within the <b>home</b> , which are <b>your</b> property or which <b>you</b> are legally liable for, up to 10% of the sum insured for <b>contents</b> for any one item unless insured separately and shown in the <b>schedule</b> .		
	Contents includes:		
	<ul> <li>tenant's fixtures and fittings</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the <b>home</b></li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>contents outside the home but within the premises up to £500 in total (other than radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts which are attached to the home) unless shown separately in the schedule</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>contents within locked garages, sheds, greenhouses or other domestic outbuildings at the home up to £1,500 in total unless shown separately in the schedule</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>carpets but not permanently fitted flooring</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>money and credit cards up to the sum insured shown in the schedule</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>deeds and registered bonds and other personal documents up to £2,500 in total</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>pedal cycles kept in a locked and secure building at the premises</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>stamps or coins forming part of a collection up to £1,000 in total unless shown separately in the schedule</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>items forming part of a collection up to £1,000 in total unless shown separately in the schedule</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>valuables up to 35% of the sum insured for contents (10% of the sum insured for contents for any one item) within the home, unless insured separately and shown in the schedule</li> </ul>		

	<ul> <li>domestic oil in fixed fuel oil tanks £2,000</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>metered water up to £5,000</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>domestic freezer contents as shown in the schedule</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>office equipment up to £5,000 or 20% of the sum insured for contents whichever is the less, within the home</li> </ul>
	Contents does NOT include:
	<ul> <li>motor vehicles (other than garden machinery) caravans,</li> </ul>
	trailers or watercraft or their accessories
	any living creature
	<ul> <li>any part of the <b>buildings</b></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>any property held or used for business purposes other than as defined under office equipment</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>any property insured under any other insurance.</li> </ul>
Credit cards	<b>credit cards</b> , charge cards, debit cards, bankers cards and cash dispenser cards.
Endorsement(s)	a change in the terms and conditions of this insurance.
Europe	<b>`Europe</b> ' will include:
	all Mediterranean Islands;
	<ul> <li>all countries with a Mediterranean shoreline that are members of the European Union;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the Canary Islands;</li> </ul>
	• Madeira;
	and journeys between these countries.
Excess	the amount <b>you</b> will have to pay towards each separate claim
Heave	upward and/or lateral movement of the site on which <b>your buildings</b> stand caused by swelling of the ground.
Home	the private residential <b>premises</b> built of <b>standard construction</b> as shown in the <b>schedule</b> .
Insurer	this insurance is underwritten by Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, One Lime Street, London, EC3M 7HA, United Kingdom. Both the Society of Lloyd's and Underwriters at Lloyd's are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.
	Please note that correspondence should not be directed to the above address but should always go through the insurance broker who sold <b>you</b> this insurance or <b>Vasek Insurance</b> .
Landslip	downward movement of sloping ground.
Money	<ul> <li>current legal tender, cheques, postal and money orders</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>postage stamps not forming part of a stamp collection</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>savings stamps and savings certificates, travellers' cheques</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>premium bonds, luncheon vouchers and gift tokens</li> </ul>
	all held for private or domestic purposes.
Occupant	you or persons authorised by you to stay in the home overnight.

Office Equipment	computers and <b>home office equipment</b> belonging to <b>you</b> and used in conjunction with <b>your</b> business at the <b>home</b> .
	Office equipment does NOT include:
	<ul> <li>loss of magnetism or corruption of data</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>compensation for you not being able to use the computer or any equipment following loss or damage</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>equipment more specifically insured by any other insurance</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the cost of reconstituting any lost or damaged data</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>any business stock or money held for business purposes unless shown separately in the schedule</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>equipment being confiscated or repossessed</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>loss or damage to computer software, software tapes / discs / CD Roms and any data stored</li> </ul>
Period of insurance	the length of time for which this insurance is in force, as shown in the <b>schedule</b> and for which <b>you</b> have paid and <b>we</b> have accepted a premium.
Personal possessions	clothing, baggage, sports equipment and other items normally carried about the person and all of which belong to <b>you</b>
	Personal possessions does NOT include:
	<ul> <li>money and credit cards</li> </ul>
Premises	the address which is named in the <b>schedule</b> .
Sanitary ware	washbasins, sinks, bidets, lavatory pans and cisterns, shower trays, shower screens, baths and bath panels.
Schedule	the printed document containing details of <b>you</b> , the <b>premises</b> , the sums insured, the <b>period of insurance</b> , the sections of this policy which apply, the <b>excess</b> , the <b>insurer</b> , any <b>endorsement(s)</b> and any special terms which may apply.
Settlement	downward movement of the site on which <b>your buildings</b> stand as a result of soil being compressed by the weight of the <b>buildings</b> within ten years of construction.
Solar Panels	photovoltaic modules, panels or systems professionally installed at the <b>home</b> for the purpose of generating an electrical supply.
Standard construction	built of brick, stone or concrete and roofed with slates, tiles, metal or concrete.
Subsidence	downward movement of the site on which <b>your buildings</b> stand by a cause other than the weight of the <b>buildings</b> themselves.
Terrorism	any act(s) of any person(s) or organisation(s) involving
	<ul> <li>the causing, occasioning or threatening of harm of whatever nature and by whatever means</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>putting the public or any section of the public in fear</li> </ul>
	in circumstances in which it is reasonable to conclude that the purpose(s) of the person(s) or organisation(s) concerned are wholly or partly of a political, religious, ideological or similar nature.
United Kingdom	the ` <b>United Kingdom</b> ' will include England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, and journeys between these countries.

Vasek Insurance	<ul> <li>jewellery</li> <li>furs</li> <li>gold, silver, gold and silver plated articles</li> <li>pictures</li> <li>which are your property or which you are legally responsible for.</li> <li>the company who have been authorised by the insurer under a delegated authority, to transact insurance business on their behalf. Vasek Insurance</li> </ul>	
	are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, their Firm Reference Number is 309354.	
We / us / our	the <b>Insurer</b> .	
You / your / insured	the person or persons named in the <b>schedule</b> and all members of their family who permanently live in the <b>home</b> .	

Valuables includes:-

Valuables

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SECTIONS ONE - SEVEN OF THIS INSURANCE Your Duties

- 1. **you** must take all reasonable steps to prevent loss, damage or an accident and keep the **buildings** in a good state of repair.
- you must take all reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we asked when you took out this insurance or when you make changes to or renew your policy.
   Please tell Vasek Insurance or your broker no later than 14 days after you become aware of any changes to the information contained within the Statement of Fact, a copy of which is attached to your schedule or renewal notice.

you must also tell Vasek Insurance or your broker no later than 14 days after you become aware:

- of any intended alterations, extension or renovation to the **buildings**. You do not need to tell **us** about internal alterations to the **buildings**,
- of any change that may result in an amendment to the amounts insured or the limits that are shown in **your schedule**,
- of any change to the use of the **home**. For example if the **buildings** are to be lent, let, sub-let, or used for business purposes (other than occasional clerical work),
- of any change to the occupancy of the buildings. For example, if the buildings are to stop being your permanent residence or are to be unoccupied for any period exceeding 60 consecutive days, however, if the home becomes unoccupied for any period of 30 consecutive days or more during the period 1st December to 28th February you must turn all water systems off at the mains and drain the entire water system of all water, or where the home benefits from gas or oil fired central heating the system must be set to operate continuously for 24 hours each day at not less than 12 degrees Celsius or 54 degrees Fahrenheit.

If **you** fail to comply with this condition then this insurance will not cover loss or damage caused by escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes.

If any claim is being made then **we** reserve the right to request from **you** any bills for any utilities being supplied to the **home** for verification by **us**.

- that any member of **your** household or any person to be insured by this policy is charged with, or convicted of a criminal offence (other than motoring offences), or
- that any member of **your** household or any person to be insured by this policy sustains any County Court Judgement, enters into an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (IVA) or is declared bankrupt.

If you are in any doubt, please contact Vasek Insurance or your broker.

When **we** are notified of a change, **we** will tell **you** whether 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 a revised premium being applied to **your** policy. If **we** are not able to accept the change and it becomes necessary to cancel this insurance, **we** will do so as described within the cancellation conditions contained within the policy.

Please note that if the information **you** provide is not complete and accurate or if **you** fail to comply with any of the above duties then this policy may be void or any claim not paid or not paid in full.

#### **GENERAL EXCLUSIONS APPLICABLE TO SECTIONS ONE TO SEVEN OF THIS INSURANCE**

#### A) Radioactive contamination and nuclear assemblies Exclusion

We will not pay for:

- 1. loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom;
- 2. any legal liability of whatsoever nature

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:-

- i) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel,
- ii) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

#### B) War Exclusion

We will not pay for any loss or damage or liability directly or indirectly caused by, happening through or in consequence of war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power, or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

#### C) Existing and deliberate loss or damage

We will not pay for loss, damage or theft:

- occurring outside of the period of insurance
- caused deliberately by you or any person lawfully in the home

#### D) Electronic data Exclusion

We will not pay for:

- 1. loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom;
- 2. any legal liability of whatsoever nature

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:-

- i) computer viruses, erasure or corruption of electronic data;
- ii) the failure of any equipment to correctly recognise the date or change of date;

For the purposes of this exclusion "computer virus" means a corrupting instruction from an unauthorised source that propagates itself via a computer system or network.

#### E) Biological and chemical contamination Exclusion

We will not pay for:

- 1. loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever, or any loss or expenses whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom;
- 2. any legal liability of whatsoever nature
- 3. death or injury to any person

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by Biological or Chemical contamination arising from

#### i) terrorism,

ii) steps taken to prevent, suppress, control or reduce the consequences of any actual, attempted, threatened, suspected or perceived act of **terrorism**.

#### F) Unoccupancy

If **your home** is left without an authorised **occupant** for more than 60 consecutive days/nights without **our** written agreement this insurance will cover Fire/Lightning/Explosion and Earthquake only with immediate effect. This clause does not apply if an alternative unoccupancy clause has been agreed and is specified in the **schedule**.

#### GENERAL EXCLUSIONS APPLICABLE TO SECTIONS ONE TO SEVEN OF THIS INSURANCE (continued)

#### G) Contracts (rights of Third Parties) act 1999 clarification clause

A person who is not a party to this insurance has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this insurance but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

#### H) Wear, tear, anything that happens gradually and general maintenance

This insurance does not cover loss or damage resulting from wear and tear, anything that happens gradually, general maintenance or a lack of sealant or grout.

#### I) Indirect loss or damage

We will not pay for any loss or damage that is not directly associated with the incident that caused you to claim, except where that loss or damage is expressly included within this insurance.

#### **Rot Exclusion** J)

We will not pay for any loss, damage or liability resulting from mildew, fungus, climatic or atmospheric conditions, frost, wet or dry rot, vermin, insects, chewing, scratching, tearing, fouling or loss or damage caused by pets.

#### K) **Defective construction or Design Exclusion**

We will not pay for any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind caused by or resulting from poor or faulty design, workmanship or materials.

#### L) **Undamaged items**

We will not pay the cost of replacing or repairing any undamaged item or parts of items forming part of a pair, set, suite or other article of a uniform nature colour or design when loss or damage occurs within a clearly identifiable area or to a specific part.

# HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM AND CLAIMS CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SECTIONS ONE - SEVEN OF THIS INSURANCE

Naturally **we** hope that **you** will not have any accidents or misfortune, but if **you** do and wish to make a claim under this insurance, please contact the **Vasek Insurance** claims department as soon as possible. **You** will be required to complete a claim form, this can be done on **our** website by submitting an electronic claim form or by downloading a claim form to email or post back to **us**, **we** can also post one out to **you** if required. Alternatively **your broker** will be able to assist **you** in making a claim.

Vasek Insurance Claims Department 30-34 Hounds Gate Nottingham NG1 7AB

 Tel:
 0115 950 5052

 Fax:
 0115 950 5053

 Email:
 claims@vasek.co.uk

 Website:
 www.vasek.co.uk

At the time of making a claim, we will require you to provide:-

- The policy number stated on **your schedule**;
- Details of the claim,

We may require you to provide:-

- Documentation to support your claim such as purchase receipts, invoices, photographs or surveys,
- Two separate independent estimates or quotations for the replacement or repair of damaged property.

We reserve the right to request additional information to give due consideration to your claim.

We may need to arrange an inspection of **your premises** by a loss adjuster who will make sure that **your** claim is settled fairly and satisfactorily, this will be at **our** expense. We or **our** representatives will be entitled to enter the **premises** or any building where any loss or damage has occurred and deal with the claim.

#### **Your Duties**

In the event of a claim or possible claim under this insurance:

- 1) **you** must provide the Claims Department with any other information they require within 30 days of their request. **We** will only ask **you** for information in relation to **your** claim or **your** insurance policy.
- you must forward to the Claims Department as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days, any letter, claim, writ, summons or other legal document you receive if a claim for liability is made against you, you must forward all information unanswered.
- 3) **you** must inform the Police as soon as possible following malicious acts, violent disorder, riots or civil commotion, theft, attempted theft or lost property.
- 4) **you** must not admit liability or offer or agree to settle any claim without the written permission of the Claims Department.
- 5) **you** must provide the Claims Department with, at **your** own expense, reasonable evidence of value or age (or both) for all items involved in a claim.
- 6) **you** must take all reasonable care to limit any loss, damage or injury.
- 7) **you** must not dispose of or repair any damaged property before **we** have had the opportunity to inspect them or **you** have been advised by the Claims Department to dispose of them.
- 8) **you** must not abandon any property to **us** without **our** written permission.

If **you** fail to comply with any of the above duties this may invalidate a claim, or any payment could be reduced.

#### How we deal with your claim

#### 1. Defence of claims

We may:

- take full responsibility for conducting, defending or settling any claim in your name.
- take any action we consider necessary to enforce your rights or our rights under this insurance.

#### 2. Other insurance

**We** will not pay any claim if any loss, damage or liability covered under this insurance is also covered wholly or in part under any other insurance except in respect of any excess beyond the amount which would have been covered under such other insurance had this insurance not been effected. This clause does not apply to fatal injury (section two - additional cover 19).

#### 3. Fraudulent claims

you must not act in a fraudulent manner.

If you or anyone acting with you or on your behalf:-

- makes a claim under the insurance knowing the claim to be false or fraudulently exaggerated in any respect, or
- makes a statement in support of a claim knowing the statement to be false in any respect or submit a document in support of a claim knowing the document to be forged or false in any respect, or
- makes a claim in respect of any loss or damage caused by your wilful act or connivance then:-
- we shall not pay the claim
- we shall not pay any other claim which has been or will be made under the insurance
- we may at our option declare the insurance void
- we shall be entitled to recover from you the amount of any claim already paid under the insurance since the last renewal date
- we shall not return any premium
- we may inform the Police of the circumstances

### **BUILDINGS**

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

WHA	T IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
	insurance covers the <b>buildings</b> for loss or nage directly caused by:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
1.	Fire, lightning, explosion or earthquake and smoke damage caused by these perils	
2.	Aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them	
3.	Storm, flood or weight of snow	<ul> <li>a) for loss or damage caused by subsidence, landslip or heave other than as covered under number 11 of section one</li> <li>b) for loss or damage to domestic fixed fuel oil tanks in the open, swimming pools, hot tubs, jacuzzi's, tennis courts, drives, patios, paths, terraces, gates, hedges, fences and railings</li> </ul>
4.	Escape of water from and frost damage to fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes	
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	
6.	Theft or attempted theft	for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is lent, let or sublet unless caused by forcible and/or violent entry to or exit from the <b>premises</b>
7.	Collision by any vehicle or animal	
8.	Any person taking part in terrorism, a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or acting maliciously	
9.	Falling trees, telegraph poles or lamp- posts	for loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the <b>premises</b>
10.	Breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes and their fittings and masts	for loss or damage to radio and television aerials, satellite dishes, their fittings and masts (these would be covered under Section Two <b>contents</b> )

### **BUILDINGS** (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This insurance covers the <b>buildings</b> for loss or damage directly caused by:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
11. Subsidence, landslip or heave of the site upon which the buildings stand	a) for loss or damage to terraces, patios, paths, drives, walls, gates, fences, hedges, lampposts, railings, swimming pools, hot tubs, jacuzzi's, tennis courts, permanently fitted central heating/fuel tanks, septic tanks or cesspits unless the main structure of the <b>premises</b> is also affected at the same time and by the same event
	b) for loss or damage caused by coastal or river erosion
	<ul> <li>c) for loss or damage whilst the <b>buildings</b> are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>d) for loss or damage caused by the normal bedding down, settlement or expansion or contraction of new structures, the settlement of newly made up ground or compaction of infill, demolition, defective design, faulty materials or faulty workmanship</li> </ul>
	e) for loss or damage which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or a guarantee or by law
	<ul> <li>for loss or damage to solid floors unless the walls of the <b>buildings</b> are damaged at the same time and by the same event</li> </ul>

### **BUILDINGS** (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This section of the insurance also covers:	We will not pay:
<ul> <li>12. Accidental damage the cost of repairing accidental damage to:</li> <li>fixed glass and double glazing (including the cost of replacing frames)</li> <li>mirrors</li> <li>solar panels</li> <li>sanitary ware</li> <li>ceramic hobs all forming part of the buildings</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>13. Underground services <ul> <li>the cost of repairing accidental damage</li> <li>caused by external and visible means from a single identifiable event to:</li> <li>domestic oil pipes</li> <li>underground water-supply pipes</li> <li>underground sewers, drains and septic tanks</li> <li>blocked sewers including the cost of breaking into them and making necessary repairs</li> <li>underground gas pipes</li> <li>underground cables</li> <li>serving the home and which you are legally liable for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>14. Loss of rent or alternative accommodation while the buildings cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under section one for: <ul> <li>loss of rent due to you which you are unable to recover</li> <li>additional costs of alternative accommodation, substantially the same as your existing accommodation, which you have to pay for</li> <li>the amount of ground rent payable by you</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	any amount over £75,000 or 20% of the sum insured for <b>buildings</b> , whichever is the greater

### **BUILDINGS** (continued)

WHA	T IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This	section of the insurance also covers:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
15.	<ul> <li>Additional expenses</li> <li>expenses you have to pay and which we have agreed in writing for: <ul> <li>architects', surveyors', consulting engineers' and legal fees</li> <li>the cost of removing debris and making the buildings safe</li> <li>costs you have to pay in order to comply with any Government or local authority requirements</li> </ul> </li> <li>following loss or damage to the buildings which is covered under section one</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) any expenses for preparing a claim or an estimate of loss or damage</li> <li>b) any costs if Government or local authority requirements have been served on you before the loss or damage</li> </ul>
16.	Increased water charges increased domestic metered water charges you have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4 of section one	more than $£5,000$ in any <b>period of insurance</b> . If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under sections one and two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than $£5,000$ in total
17.	<b>Buyers benefit</b> anyone buying the <b>home</b> will have the benefit of section one until the sale is completed or the insurance ends, whichever is sooner	if the <b>buildings</b> are insured under any other insurance
18.	Trace and Access If the <b>buildings</b> are damaged by water or oil escaping from any fixed tanks, apparatus, pipes or any fixed heating installation in <b>your</b> <b>home</b> , <b>we</b> will pay the cost of removing and replacing any other parts of the <b>buildings</b> necessary to find and repair the source of the leak and making good	more than £10,000 or 10% of the sum insured for <b>buildings</b> , whichever is the greater, during the <b>period of insurance</b>
19.	<b>Replacement locks</b> costs <b>you</b> have to pay for replacing locks to alarms and outside doors in the <b>home</b> following theft or loss of <b>your</b> keys	any amount over £1,000 in total. If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under sections one and two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £1,000 in total
20.	Landscape gardens the reasonable cost of repairing or replacing landscaped gardens at the <b>home</b> following loss or damage which is covered under section one or caused by the emergency services attending the <b>home</b>	more than £2,500 in any <b>period of insurance</b>

### **BUILDINGS** (continued)

WHA	T IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This	section of the insurance also covers:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
21.	Fire extinguisher expenses the reasonable cost of replacing or refilling fire extinguishers, replacing sprinkler heads and refilling sprinkler tanks following loss or damage covered under section one	more than £1,000 in any <b>period of insurance</b>
22.	<b>Emergency access expenses</b> the reasonable cost of repairing the <b>home</b> following damage caused to the <b>buildings</b> by any of the emergency services in gaining access to the <b>home</b>	more than £1,000 for any event
23.	<b>Closed circuit television systems</b> the reasonable cost of repairing or replacing closed circuit television systems at the <b>home</b> following loss or damage covered under section one	more than £2,500 in any <b>period of insurance</b>
24.	<b>Nest removal</b> costs <b>you</b> have to pay for professional contractors to trace and remove bird, animal and insect nests at the <b>premises</b>	<ul> <li>a) more than £1,000 for any one event, if you claim for such loss under sections one and two, we will not pay more than £1,000 in total</li> <li>b) for the removal of nests that existed before cover commenced</li> </ul>
25.	Fly tipping costs you have to pay for removing illegally dumped items from the <b>premises</b> and disposing of them at a fully licenced amenity site plus the costs of repairing any damage caused by fly tippers at the <b>premises</b>	<ul> <li>a) more than £1,000 for any one event, if you claim for such loss under sections one and two, we will not pay more than £1,000 in total</li> <li>b) for removing any items that were present before cover commence</li> </ul>

**BUILDINGS** (continued)

### **ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE TO THE BUILDINGS**

The following applies only if the **schedule** shows that **accidental damage** to the **buildings** is included.

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This extension covers:	We will not pay:
This extension covers: Accidental damage to the buildings	<ul> <li>We will not pay:</li> <li>a) for damage that we specifically exclude elsewhere under the buildings section</li> <li>b) for damage caused by the buildings moving, settling, shrinking, collapsing or cracking</li> <li>c) for damage while the home is being altered, refurbished or extended</li> <li>d) for damage to outbuildings or garages which are not of standard construction</li> <li>e) for damage caused by mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown</li> <li>f) for damage to swimming pools, tennis courts, drives, patios and terraces, walls, gates and fences and fuel tanks</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>h) for damage caused by or contributed to by or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination</li> </ul>

#### **BUILDINGS** (continued)

### **CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO SECTION ONE (BUILDINGS) ONLY**

#### **Settling Claims**

#### How we deal with your claim

- 1. If **your** claim for loss or damage is covered under the **buildings** section one **we** can choose to settle **your** claim by:
  - Repairing
  - Replacing
  - Reinstating
  - Payment

But not so that it is better or more extensive than immediately prior to the incident giving rise to the claim.

- 2. If **we** have agreed with **you** that the **buildings** will not be repaired, replaced or reinstated following loss or damage **we** will agree a cash settlement with **you** and may deduct an amount for wear and tear.
- 3. When we pay your claim we will deduct the amount of excess as stated in the schedule.

#### your sum insured

- 4. We will not reduce the sum insured under the **buildings** section one after we have paid a claim as long as **you** agree to carry out **our** recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.
- 5. If **you** are under insured, which means the cost of rebuilding the **buildings** at the time of loss or damage is more than **your** sum insured for the **buildings**, then **we** will only pay a proportion of the claim.

For example if **your** sum insured only covers one half of the cost of rebuilding the **buildings**, then **we** will only pay one half of the whole cost of **your** claim.

This settlement basis applies to the whole of the **buildings** section one.

6. Index-linking clause

The sums insured in section one (**buildings**) will be indexed each month in line with The House Rebuilding Cost Index issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

We will not charge you an extra premium for any monthly increase, but at each renewal we will calculate the premium using the new sums insured.

For your protection should the index fall below zero we will not reduce the sum insured

Limit of insurance

We will not pay more than the sum insured shown in the schedule.

### CONTENTS

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

WHAT IS COVERED		WHAT IS NOT COVERED
	insurance covers the <b>contents</b> for loss or nage directly caused by:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
1.	Fire, lightning, explosion or earthquake	
2.	Aircraft and other flying devices or items dropped from them	
3.	Storm, flood or weight of snow	contents outside the home
4.	Escape of water from fixed water tanks, apparatus or pipes	
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	
6.	Theft or attempted theft	for loss or damage while the <b>home</b> is lent, let or sublet unless caused by forcible and/or violent entry to or exit from the <b>premises</b>
7.	Collision by any vehicle or animal	
8.	Any person taking part in terrorism, a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or acting maliciously	
9.	Falling trees, telegraph poles or lamp- posts	for loss or damage caused by trees being cut down or cut back within the <b>premises</b>
10.	Breakage or collapse of fixed radio and television aerials, fixed satellite dishes and their fittings and masts	
11.	Subsidence, landslip or heave of the site upon which the buildings stand	<ul> <li>a) for loss or damage caused by coastal or river erosion</li> <li>b) for loss or damage whilst the <b>buildings</b> are undergoing any structural repairs, alterations or extensions</li> <li>c) for loss or damage arising from defective design, faulty materials or faulty workmanship</li> <li>d) for loss or damage which compensation has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or a guarantee or by law</li> <li>e) for loss or damage following damage to solid floors unless the walls of the <b>buildings</b> are damaged at the same time and by the same event</li> </ul>

### **CONTENTS** (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED This section of the insurance also covers:		WHAT IS NOT COVERED We will not pay:	
13.	Accidental breakage of: • fixed glass and double glazing • sanitary ware forming part of the buildings which you are legally liable for as a tenant and do not have other insurance for: • mirrors • glass tops and fixed glass in furniture • ceramic hobs	for the cost of repairing, removing or replacing frames	
14.	<ul> <li>Contents temporarily removed</li> <li>the contents, if these are not already insured, whilst they are temporarily out of the home against loss or damage directly caused by: any of the events insured under numbers</li> <li>1-11 in section two while the contents are: <ul> <li>in any occupied private dwelling</li> <li>in any buildings where you are living or working</li> <li>in any building for valuation, cleaning or repair</li> <li>in any furniture store</li> <li>in any bank or safe deposit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) for contents outside the United Kingdom</li> <li>b) for money or credit cards</li> <li>c) any amount over 20% of the sum insured under section two for contents in a furniture store</li> </ul>	
15.	Loss of rent up to twelve months rent <b>you</b> have to pay as occupier if the <b>home</b> cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under section two	any amount over 10% of the sum insured under section two for the <b>contents</b> of the <b>buildings</b> damaged or destroyed	

### **CONTENTS** (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED		WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This section of the insurance also covers:		<b>We</b> will not pay:
16.	Alternative accommodation costs of using other accommodation, substantially the same as <b>your</b> existing accommodation, which <b>you</b> have to pay for if the <b>home</b> cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under section two	any amount over £20,000 or 10% of the sum insured under section two for the <b>contents</b> , whichever is the greater, of the <b>buildings</b> damaged or destroyed
17.	Tenants liability your legal responsibility as a tenant for loss or damage to the <b>buildings</b> caused by loss or damage which is covered under section two	<ul> <li>a) any amount over £15,000 or 10% of the sum insured under section two for the contents, whichever is greater, of the buildings damaged or destroyed</li> <li>b) for loss or damage caused by fire, lightning or explosion to the buildings other than to the landlord's fixtures or fittings</li> <li>c) for loss or damage arising from subsidence, landslip or heave</li> <li>d) for loss or damage caused by any person taking part in a riot, violent disorder, strike, labour disturbance, civil commotion or acting maliciously</li> </ul>
18.	<ul> <li>Underground services</li> <li>the cost of repairing accidental damage caused by external and visible means from a single identifiable event to: <ul> <li>domestic oil pipes</li> <li>underground water-supply pipes</li> <li>underground sewers, drains and septic tanks</li> <li>underground gas pipes</li> <li>underground cables</li> <li>which you are legally liable for as tenant only</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
19.	<ul> <li>Fatal injury</li> <li>fatal injury to you, happening at the premises shown in the schedule, caused by outward and visible violence by burglars or by fire, provided that death ensues within twelve months of such injury, for the following amounts:</li> <li>£10,000 for each insured person over sixteen years of age,</li> <li>£5,000 for each insured person sixteen years of age or under, at the time of death</li> </ul>	

### **CONTENTS** (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED		WHAT IS NOT COVERED	
This section of the insurance also covers:		<b>We</b> will not pay:	
20.	<b>Replacement locks</b> costs <b>you</b> have to pay for replacing locks to safes, alarms and outside doors in the <b>home</b> following theft or loss of <b>your</b> keys	any amount over £1,000 in total. If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under sections one and two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than £1,000 in total	
21.	Increased water charges increased domestic metered water charges you have to pay following an escape of water which gives rise to an admitted claim under number 4 of section two	more than $£5,000$ in any <b>period of insurance</b> . If <b>you</b> claim for such loss under sections one and two, <b>we</b> will not pay more than $£5,000$ in total	
22.	Wedding gifts wedding gifts within the <b>home</b> against loss or damage by events 1-11 of section two <b>contents</b> , for one month before and one month after the wedding day of <b>you</b> or any member of <b>your</b> family (if within the <b>period</b> <b>of insurance</b> ). We will increase the <b>contents</b> sum insured by £5,000 to cover loss or damage to wedding gifts		
23.	<b>Religious festival</b> we will increase the sum insured for section two <b>contents</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b> by £5,000 to cover gifts and provisions bought during the month in which <b>you</b> celebrate a religious festival		
24.	Students contents contents belonging to a member of your family who is away at University/College during term time but who usually resides at the home against loss or damage by events 1-10 of section two contents	<ul> <li>a) more than £2,500 in any period of insurance</li> <li>b) more than £500 for any one item</li> <li>c) for loss or damage unless the loss or damage is caused by a violent and forcible entry</li> </ul>	
25.	<b>Computer data</b> costs <b>you</b> have to pay for retrieving or replacing electronic or digital data from <b>your</b> computers, home entertainment systems or mobile equipment following loss or damage which is covered under section two	<ul> <li>a) any amount over £2,500 in any period of insurance</li> <li>b) for replacing software, songs or any downloaded data unless you can provide proof of purchase</li> </ul>	

### **CONTENTS** (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED		WHAT IS NOT COVERED	
This section of the insurance also covers:		<b>We</b> will not pay:	
26. Landscaped gardens costs you have to pay for replacing plants, shrubs and trees in the garden at the premises that you own or which you are legally liable for as a tenant following damage caused by the emergency services or loss or damage caused by fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake, theft, vandalism, impact by vehicles, aircraft or lampposts or by persons acting maliciously		any amount over £1,500 in any <b>period of</b> insurance	
27.	<b>Guests personal possessions</b> personal effects of <b>your</b> visitors, guests and domestic staff while they are in the <b>home</b> following loss or damage which is covered under section two	b) c	any amount over £2,500 in any <b>period of</b> <b>nsurance</b> any personal effects that are insured under any other insurance policy
28.	Professional removals the contents, if these are not already insured, whilst they are being moved to <b>your</b> new <b>home</b> following loss or damage caused by fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake, theft or attempted theft, vandalism, impact by vehicles, aircraft or lampposts or by persons acting maliciously	b) fo c) c	or <b>contents</b> outside the <b>United Kingdom</b> or <b>money</b> , <b>credit cards</b> or <b>valuables</b> any amount over £20,000 unless the <b>contents</b> are being moved by professional removal contractors
29.	<b>Nest removal</b> costs <b>you</b> have to pay for professional contractors to trace and remove bird, animal and insect nests at the <b>premises</b>	c tv b) fo	nore than $\pounds1,000$ for any one event, if <b>you</b> claim for such loss under sections one and wo, <b>we</b> will not pay more than $\pounds1,000$ in total or the removal of nests that existed before cover commenced
30.	Fly tipping costs you have to pay for removing illegally dumped items from the <b>premises</b> and disposing of them at a fully licenced amenity site plus the costs of repairing any damage caused by fly tippers at the <b>premises</b>	b) fo	more than $\pounds1,000$ for any one event, if <b>you</b> claim for such loss under sections one and wo, <b>we</b> will not pay more than $\pounds1,000$ in total or removing any items that were present before cover commence

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### **ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE TO CONTENTS**

The following applies only if the **schedule** shows that **accidental damage** to the **contents** is included.

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	
This extension covers:	We will not pay:	
Accidental damage to the contents within the home	a) for damage that <b>we</b> specifically exclude elsewhere under the <b>contents</b> section	
	b) for damage to <b>contents</b> within garages and outbuildings	
	c) for damage while the <b>premises</b> are being altered, refurbished or extended	
	<ul> <li>d) for damage or deterioration to any item caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon</li> </ul>	
	e) for damage caused by mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown	
	f) for damage caused by dryness, dampness, extremes of temperature or exposure to light	
	g) for <b>money</b> , <b>credit cards</b> , documents or stamps	
	h) for loss or damage to contact, corneal or micro corneal lenses	
	i) for damage caused by or contributed to by or arising from any kind of pollution and/or contamination	

#### **CONTENTS** (continued)

### **CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO SECTION TWO (CONTENTS) ONLY**

#### **Settling Claims**

#### How we deal with your claim

- 1. If **your** claim for loss or damage is covered under the **contents** section two **we** can choose to settle **your** claim by:
  - Repairing
  - Replacing
  - Reinstating
  - Payment

For total loss or destruction of any item **we** will pay the cost of replacing the item as new as long as the new item is as close as possible to but not an improvement on the original item when it was new.

- 2. When we pay your claim we will deduct the amount of excess as stated in the schedule or this policy.
- 3. Where **we** agree to make a cash settlement **we** will only pay **you** what it would cost **us** to repair or replace using **our** preferred suppliers or contractors.

#### Your sum insured

- 4. We will not reduce the sum insured under the **contents** section two after **we** have paid a claim as long as **you** agree to carry out **our** recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.
- 5. If **you** are under insured, which means the cost of replacing the **contents**, as new, at the time of loss or damage is more than **your** sum insured for the **contents**, then **we** will only pay a proportion of the claim.

For example if **your** sum insured only covers one half of the cost of replacing the **contents**, as new, then **we** will only pay one half of the whole cost of **your** claim.

This settlement basis applies to the whole of the **contents** section two.

6. Index-linking clause

The sums insured in section two (**contents**) will be indexed each month in line with The House Rebuilding Cost Index issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

We will not charge you an extra premium for any monthly increase, but at each renewal we will calculate the premium using the new sums insured.

For your protection should the index fall below zero we will not reduce the sum insured

Limit of insurance

We will not pay any more than the sum insured shown in the schedule.

#### **SECTION THREE**

### **ACCIDENTS TO DOMESTIC STAFF**

This section applies only if the **schedule** shows that **contents** are insured under section two of this insurance.

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
We will indemnify you	<b>We</b> will not indemnify <b>you</b>
for amounts <b>you</b> become legally liable to pay, including costs and expenses which <b>we</b> have agreed in writing, for <b>bodily injury</b> by accident happening during the <b>period of insurance</b> anywhere in the world to <b>your</b> domestic staff employed in connection with the <b>premises</b> shown in the <b>schedule</b>	<ul> <li>for bodily injury arising directly or indirectly <ul> <li>from any vehicle</li> <li>from any vehicle used for racing, pacemaking or speed testing</li> </ul> </li> <li>from any communicable disease or condition <ul> <li>in Canada or the United States of America after the total period of stay has exceeded 30 days in the period of insurance</li> </ul> </li> <li>from any animal other than cats, horses, or dogs which are not designated as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) order 1991 or Dangerous Dogs Amendment 1997 or any amending legislation</li> </ul>

#### Limit of insurance

We will not pay more than £5,000,000 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.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 -** The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 imposes certain requirements on specific types of dog. It also places requirements in relation to dogs which are, as described by the Act, dangerously out of control. For further guidance please see the Office of Public Sector Information website (www.opsi.gov.uk) or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

WHAT IS COVEPED

#### LEGAL LIABILITY TO THE PUBLIC

This section applies only if the **schedule** shows that either the **buildings** are insured under section one or the **contents** are insured under section two of this insurance.

### PART A

Part A of this section applies in the following way:

- if the **buildings** only are insured, **your** legal liability as owner only but not as occupier is covered under Part A (i) below.
- if the **contents** only are insured, **your** legal liability as occupier only but not as owner is covered under Part A (i) and Part A (ii) below.
- if the **buildings** and **contents** are insured, **your** legal liability as owner or occupier is covered under Part A (i) and Part A (ii) below.

WHAT IS NOT COVEPED

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
We will indemnify you	We will not indemnify you for any liability
<ul> <li>(i) as owner or occupier for any amounts you become legally liable to pay as damages for:</li> <li>bodily injury</li> <li>damage to property caused by an accident happening at the premises during the period of insurance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) for bodily injury to:</li> <li>you</li> <li>any other permanent member of the home</li> <li>any person who at the time of sustaining such injury is engaged in your service</li> <li>b) for bodily injury arising directly or indirectly</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>OR</li> <li>(ii) as a private individual for any amounts you become legally liable to pay as damages for: <ul> <li>bodily injury</li> <li>damage to property</li> <li>caused by an accident happening anywhere in the world during the period of insurance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>from any communicable disease or condition</li> <li>c) arising out of any criminal or violent act to another person or property</li> <li>d) for damage to property owned by or in the charge or control of: <ul> <li>you</li> <li>any other permanent member of the home</li> <li>any person engaged in your service</li> </ul> </li> <li>e) in Canada or the United States of America after the total period of stay in either or both countries has exceeded 30 days in the period of insurance</li> <li>f) arising directly or indirectly out of any profession, occupation, business or employment</li> <li>g) which you have assumed under contract and which would not otherwise have attached</li> <li>h) arising from the Third Party Wall etc Act 1996</li> </ul>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Party Wall etc. Act 1996 - **The Party Wall etc. Act 1996 provides a framework for preventing or resolving disputes in relation to party walls, party structures, boundary walls and excavations near neighbouring buildings**. Anyone intending to carry out work (anywhere in England and Wales) of the kinds described in the Act must give Adjoining Owners notice of their intentions. For further guidance please see the Office of Public Sector Information website (www.opsi.gov.uk) or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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### LEGAL LIABILITY TO THE PUBLIC (continued)

PART A (continued)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
	We will not indemnify you for any liability
	<ul> <li>We will not indemnify you for any liability</li> <li>i) arising out of your ownership, possession or use of: <ul> <li>i) any motorised or horsedrawn vehicle other than:</li> <li>domestic gardening equipment used within the premises and</li> <li>pedestrian controlled gardening equipment used elsewhere</li> <li>ride on lawn mowers used within the premises</li> <li>electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters</li> <li>ii) any power-operated lift other than stairlifts</li> <li>iii) any animal other than cats, horses, or dogs which are not designated as dangerous under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) order 1991 or Dangerous Dogs Amendment 1997 or any amending legislation</li> <li>j) in respect of any kind of pollution and/or contamination other than:</li> <li>caused by a sudden, identified, unexpected and unforeseen accident which happens in its entirety at a specific moment of time during the period of insurance at the premises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	its entirety at a specific moment of time during
	the end of the <b>period of insurance</b> ; in which case all such pollution and/or contamination arising out of such accident shall be deemed to have happened at the time of such accident
	<ul> <li>k) arising out of your ownership, occupation, possession or use of any land or building that is not within the premises</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>if you are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance, including but not limited to any home or travel insurance, until such insurance(s) is exhausted</li> </ul>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 -** The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 imposes certain requirements on specific types of dog. It also places requirements in relation to dogs which are, as described by the Act, dangerously out of control. For further guidance please see the Office of Public Sector Information website (www.opsi.gov.uk) or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau.

### LEGAL LIABILITY TO THE PUBLIC (continued)

#### PART B

This section applies only if the **schedule** shows that **contents** are insured under section two of this insurance.

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	
We will pay for:	We will not indemnify you	
<ul> <li>sums which you have been awarded by a court in the United Kingdom and which still remain outstanding three months after the award has been made provided that:</li> <li>Part A (ii) of this section would have indemnified you had the award been made against you rather than to you</li> <li>there is no appeal pending</li> <li>you agree to allow us to enforce any right which we shall become entitled to upon making payment</li> </ul>	for amounts exceeding £100,000 in total	

### PART C

This section applies only if the **schedule** shows that **buildings** are insured under section one of this insurance.

We will indemnify <b>you</b>	We will not indemnify you
for any amount <b>you</b> become legally liable to pay under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or Article 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 in connection with any home previously owned and occupied by <b>you</b>	<ul> <li>for any liability if you are entitled to indemnity under any other insurance</li> <li>for the cost of repairing any fault or alleged fault</li> <li>for any home previously owned and occupied by you in which you still hold legal title or have an interest</li> <li>for any incident which happens more than 7 years after the last day of insurance period in respect of any home previously insured by us and owned and occupied by you</li> <li>for anything owned by or the legal responsibility of your family</li> <li>for injury, death, disease or illness of any of your family (other than your domestic employees who normally live with you)</li> <li>for liability arising from any employment, trade, professional or business of any of your family</li> <li>for liability accepted by any of your family under any agreement, unless the liability would exist without this agreement</li> <li>for liability arising from the Third Party Wall etc Act 1996 (refer to Important Notice on page 31)</li> </ul>

#### LEGAL LIABILITY TO THE PUBLIC (continued)

#### Limit of insurance

**We** will not pay:

- in respect of pollution and/or contamination:more than  $\pounds 2,000,000$  in all
- in respect of other liability covered under section four:-

more than £2,000,000 in all for Part A and C, and £100,000 for Part B 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.

## **SECTION FIVE**

### VALUABLES AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

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

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
This insurance covers:	We will not pay:
valuables and personal possessions listed in the schedule (or specification(s) attached) against physical loss or damage within the home or anywhere in the world	<ul> <li>a) any amount over: <ul> <li>\$750 for any one mobile phone</li> <li>\$750 for any one pedal cycle</li> <li>\$1,500 for any one or set of hearing aids</li> <li>\$2,500 for any other item, pair or set unless such item(s) have been specified and are shown separately in the schedule</li> <li>b) for damage from electrical or mechanical faults or breakdown</li> <li>c) for damage or deterioration of any article caused by dyeing, cleaning, repair, renovation or whilst being worked upon</li> <li>d) for damage to guns caused by rusting or bursting of barrels</li> <li>e) for breakage of any sports equipment whilst in use</li> <li>for loss or damage to contact, corneal or micro corneal lenses</li> <li>g) for loss or damage to hearing aids while you are in water, swimming or involved in any other water sports</li> <li>h) for theft or disappearance of jewellery from baggage unless such baggage is carried by hand and under your personal supervision</li> <li>i) for loss or damage to any musical instruments that will be or were being used for business or professional purposes</li> <li>j) for loss or damage to quad bikes or mini moto's or the like, unless such item(s) have been specified and are shown in the schedule</li> <li>k) for theft or disappearance of electric wheelchairs or mobility scooters:</li> <li>i) where the keys or other device which enables the wheelchair or mobility scooter to be started are left in or on the wheelchair or mobility scooter whilst they are unattended</li> <li>ii) between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 unless the wheelchair or mobility scooter is kept in a locked building whilst not in use</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **SECTION FIVE**

# VALUABLES AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS (continued)

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

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	
	<b>We</b> will not pay:	
	<ul> <li>I) any amount over £500 in total in respect of theft or disappearance of property from any vehicle when such vehicle is left unattended without an authorised occupant</li> <li>m) any amount over £2,000 in total in respect of</li> </ul>	
	theft or disappearance of jewellery from hotel or motel rooms during <b>your</b> absence from such rooms	

#### **SECTION FIVE**

#### VALUABLES AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS (continued)

# CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO SECTION FIVE (VALUABLES AND PERSONAL POSSESSIONS) ONLY

#### How we deal with your claim

- 1. If your claim for loss or damage is covered under the valuables and personal possessions section five we can choose to settle your claim by:
  - Repairing
  - Replacing
  - Reinstating
  - Payment
- 2. If any insured item which is part of a pair or set and has an insured value of  $\pounds$ 1,000 or over:
  - we will not pay for the cost of replacing any undamaged or remaining items that form part of such pair or set.
  - we will not pay more than the proportion that the lost or damaged item bears to the insured value of such pair or set.
- 3. Where **we** agree to make a cash settlement **we** will only pay **you** what it would cost **us** to repair or replace using **our** preferred suppliers or contractors.

#### Your sum insured

3. If **you** make a claim for repairing any item and **you** are under insured, which means the value or replacement value at the time of the loss or damage for the insured item is more than **your** sum insured for such item, then **we** will only pay a proportion of the claim.

For example if **your** sum insured only covers one half of the value or replacement value of the insured item then **we** will only pay one half of the cost of repairing the insured item.

Where the claim is for total loss or destruction then the most **we** will pay is the sum insured for the insured item.

#### Limit of insurance

We will not pay more than the sum insured shown in the schedule.

## **SECTION SIX**

### **DOMESTIC FREEZER COVER**

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

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
Section two of this insurance extends to cover:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
the cost of replacing <b>your</b> food in <b>your</b> fridge or freezer if it is spoiled due to a change in temperature or contaminated by refrigeration fumes	<ul> <li>a) for loss or damage caused by any electricity or gas company cutting off or restricting <b>your</b> supply</li> <li>b) for loss or damage due to the failure of <b>your</b> electricity or gas supply caused by a strike or any other industrial action</li> </ul>

Limit of insurance			
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We will not pay more than the sum insured shown in the schedule.

### **SECTION SEVEN**

### MONEY AND CREDIT CARD COVER

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

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
Section two of this insurance extends to cover the following:	<b>We</b> will not pay:
<ul> <li>theft or accidental loss of money</li> <li>any amounts which you become legally liable to pay as a result of unauthorised use following loss or theft of your credit card(s)</li> <li>anywhere in the world, provided that:</li> <li>within 24 hours of your discovering any such loss or theft, you have notified the police and, in the case of credit card(s), the card issuing company; and</li> <li>you have complied with all other conditions under which your credit card(s) were issued to you</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) to make up any shortages due to error or omission</li> <li>b) for loss of value</li> </ul>

Limit of insurance

We will not pay more than the sum(s) insured shown in the schedule.



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