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Home insurance policy booklet

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Welcome to your Magnet Home Insurance

Thank you for insuring your home with us. Your policy is underwritten by U K Insurance Limited trading as NIG. We are determined to provide you with outstanding customer service at all times and to make insuring with us as easy and trouble-free as possible.

This policy booklet provides all the details you need to know about your insurance policy. Please read this alongside your schedule and home proposal confirmation.

We hope that you will insure with us for many years to come.

Hints and tips

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Summary of policy limits

The following is a summary of the main policy limits. You should read the rest of this policy for the full terms and conditions.

Buildings (if selected)	
Alternative accommodation and rent	£50,000
Trace and access	£3,000
Damage caused by emergency services	£2,500
Property owner's liability	£2,000,000

Contents (if selected)		
Valuables inner limit	Up to 30% of Contents sum insured	
Valuables single item limit	£2,500	
Frozen and chilled foods	£500	
Alternative accommodation and storage	£30,000	
Theft from outbuildings/garages	£2,000	
Contents outside	£1,000	
Money in the home	£500	
Mobile phones (per phone)	£350	
Business Equipment	£10,000	
Tenant's liability	£5,000	
Employer's liability	£5,000,000	
Personal liability	£2,000,000	

Personal Possessions	(optional with contents)
Single item limit	£2,500
Laptop or tablet computer (per item)	£1,500
Bicycles (per bicycle)	£1,500
Money	£500
Mobile phones (per phone)	£350
Theft from unattended motor vehicle	£500

Policy definitions

Certain words in this policy booklet, your schedule and endorsements will have the same meaning wherever they appear.

The definitions listed below will apply to the whole policy, unless **we** say that they have a different meaning when used in particular sections of the policy.

We have highlighted these definitions in bold in this policy booklet.

Accidental Damage Accidental damage is sudden and unintentional physical damage that happens unexpectedly.

Bicycle Any bicycle, including electrically powered models, and its accessories.

British Isles England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Buildings Your private home, fixtures and fittings, swimming pools, permanently fixed hot tubs, tennis courts, patios, terraces, service tanks, drains, septic tanks, pipes and cables, central heating fuel storage tanks, drives, footpaths, garden walls, hedges, gates and fences, including solar panels which are permanently attached to the **buildings**.

Business Any employment, trade or profession.

Business equipment Any items of furniture, furnishings, office equipment (e.g., computers, printers and photocopiers) and stationery, used for **business** purposes while it is being kept in **your home** and owned by **you** or for which **you** are responsible for insuring.

- × But not:
 - items intended for sale.
 - equipment used for manufacturing or processing purposes other than for the production or processing of electronic data.

Contents Household goods, **personal possessions**, **business equipment**, camping equipment, **money**, satellite dishes, aerials and other articles which **you** are responsible for or that belong to **you**, domestic staff who live in or guests, except paying guests.

- × But not:
 - vehicles except as set out in the paragraph below.
 - any living creature.
 - landlord's fixtures and fittings.

 securities (financial certificates except those defined as money), certificates and documents, except driving licences and passports.

We will provide cover for theft or fire damage caused to electric scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, Segways and powered unicycles whilst not in use and in your home or a locked garage or locked outbuilding.

We will pay up to the policy limit of $\pounds 2,000$ for any claim in respect of theft of contents from outbuildings or garages.

There is no cover for any liability whilst in use.

Endorsement An agreed change to the terms of the policy shown in **your** policy schedule.

Excess The amount you must pay towards any claim.

Hearing aids The hearing aid, cochlea implant or wearable device, used to assist **you** with hearing.

Home The main residence occupied by **you**, at the address shown in **your** schedule, including its domestic garages and outbuildings.

Mobile phone Any mobile phone, smart phone, iPhone, Blackberry or equivalent portable communication device that transmits or receives telephone calls.

- × But not:
 - laptop computers.
 - iPads, tablets or e-readers.

Money Cash, bank notes, cheques, money orders, postal orders, traveller's cheques, savings certificates, share certificates, Premium Bonds, travel tickets, postage stamps (that are not part of a collection), phone cards, luncheon vouchers, and vouchers and cards with a cash value that belong to **you** and are not used for **business** purposes.

Period of insurance The period for which the policy covers **you** shown in **your** schedule.

Personal possessions Valuables, sports equipment and **bicycles** that belong to **you** and luggage, clothes and any other items **you** normally wear or carry that belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible.

Professional customer representative for these purposes is a claims handler or a company acting in a professional or a business capacity and may include, for example, claims management companies or loss assessors but would not include a person acting in a private capacity, for example a relative. **Sports equipment** Items used for sports activities, including sports clothes designed to be used for any sports activity.

- × But not
 - bicycles.

Valuables

- Sets of coins, stamps or medals.
- Furs.
- Items or sets or collections of gold, silver or other precious metals.
- Jewellery.
- Watches.
- Works of art.

Vehicles Any vehicle or toy propelled by a motor of any kind, caravans, trailers, hovercraft, aircraft, watercraft, land yacht, wind powered or assisted vehicles, as well as any of their keys, key-fobs, parts and accessories (except for removable entertainment or navigation equipment while it is removed from the vehicle).

- Sut not the following while being used for their intended purpose and by a person for whom they were designed:
 - ride-on lawnmowers
 - · electrically powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters
 - · electrically powered children's ride on toys
 - electrically assisted bicycles
 - pedestrian controlled electrically powered golf trolleys
 - model watercraft
 - hand-propelled watercraft (such as a surfboard or rowing boat).

We, us, our, the company U K Insurance Limited trading as NIG.

You, your The person or persons named in your schedule and any of the following who normally live with them: their husband, wife, partner (a person living with them as though married), civil partner, children, parents and other relatives normally living with them.

Policy conditions

Important information

Your home insurance contract is made up of

- this policy booklet
- your schedule
- your proposal confirmation.

What you need to do

- Please read this policy booklet and **your** schedule to make sure **you** know exactly what **your** insurance covers.
- Check **your** proposal confirmation and **your** schedule, which sets out the information **you** have given **us**, carefully.
- If **you** think there is a mistake, or if **you** need to make changes, **you** should tell **us** immediately.
- If you don't give us correct information, or if you don't tell us about any changes:
 - your policy may be invalidated
 - we may reject your claim
 - we may not pay your claim in full.

Meeting your needs

We have not given you a personal recommendation as to whether this policy is suitable for your specific needs.

The law that applies

You and **we** may choose which law will apply to this policy. Unless both parties agree otherwise, English law will apply.

We have supplied this policy and other information to you in English and we will continue to communicate with you in English.

This policy doesn't cover

- X Just like most insurers we don't cover:
 - Wear and tear.
 - Maintenance and routine decoration.
 - Loss or damage as a result of the lack of maintenance and/or routine decoration.
 - Reduction in value.
 - Damage caused by rot, fungus, woodworm, beetles, moths, insects or vermin.
 - The cost of repairing or replacing any item following a mechanical or electrical fault or breakdown, or where it has failed or stopped working despite there being no apparent damage.
 - Damage caused by cleaning, dyeing, renovating, altering, re-styling, repairing or restoring an item.
 - Tearing, scratching, chewing, vomiting, fouling, urinating or denting by any domestic animal.
 - Any damage caused gradually.
 - Faulty workmanship, faulty design or the use of faulty materials.
 - Items held or used for **business** purposes except those listed as **business equipment** in the definitions.
 - Any drop in the market value of **your home** caused by rebuilding or repairing damage to **your buildings**.
 - Any loss, damage or legal liability caused, or allowed to be caused, by the deliberate, wilful or malicious act of you or any paying guest or tenant.
 - Any loss, damage or legal liability resulting from the illegal acts of **you** or any paying guest or tenant.

How to claim

Buildings, contents or personal possessions

Claims are handled by NIG. If you need to claim:

- get in touch with NIG as soon as possible by:
 - Submitting your claim **here** (this link will take you to our claims notification site)
 - Calling 0345 300 4648 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)
 - For Emergency out-of-hours assistance please call 01732 520 270
- don't make any arrangements for replacement or repair before you call
- when you call we'll ask for:
 - the scheme policy (you may be asked to quote the scheme policy number of **006474927**)
 - information about the extent of the loss or damage
 - your crime or loss reference number (if relevant).

Section 1: Buildings

The cover we provide

• Defined words appear in **bold** – see page 5 for definitions. Your schedule will show if you have this cover.

A Core cover

Your buildings are covered for loss or damage caused by

- Storm or flood
- X We don't cover:
 - damage to fences, gates or hedges
 - damage from frost.
- Water or oil escaping from fixed water or heating systems

We also cover water or oil escaping from:

- underground drains and pipes
- domestic appliances
- storage tanks.
- X We don't cover:
 - subsidence, heave or landslip damage caused by escaping water or oil under this section. However, you may have cover under the section 'Subsidence or heave of the site on which your home stands, or landslip' below
 - tanks, pipes, appliances or heating systems themselves
 - costs to remove and replace any part of the buildings to find and repair the source of any water or oil leaks. However, you may have cover under the Trace and Access section below
 - damage caused by the failure, wear and tear or lack of grouting or sealant
 - loss or damage caused by water overflowing from sinks, wash basins, bidets, showers and baths as a result of taps being left on in **your home**. However, **you** may have cover under Section 1C Accidental damage. **Your** schedule will show if **you** have this cover.
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

Trace and Access

We will also pay up to £3,000 to remove and replace any part of the **buildings** to:

- find the source of any water or oil escaping from tanks, pipes, appliances or fixed heating systems that is causing damage to the **buildings**.
- **We** don't cover:
 - tanks, pipes, appliances or heating systems themselves.

✓ Theft or attempted theft

- X We don't cover:
 - · damage caused by paying guests or tenants
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

✓ Fire, explosion, lightning, earthquake and smoke

- X We don't cover loss or damage caused by:
 - heat distortion unless accompanied by flames
 - tobacco burns, unless accompanied by flames.
- Being hit by vehicles, aircraft, flying objects and animals

We also cover damage from anything that drops from an aircraft or flying object.

Subsidence or heave of the site on which your home stands, or landslip

This includes cover for:

- solid floor slabs, but only if your home's foundations are damaged at the same time and by the same cause
- outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, patios, terraces, service tanks, drains, septic tanks, pipes and cables, central heating fuel storage tanks, drives, footpaths, garden walls, hedges, gates or fences – but only if **your home** is damaged at the same time and by the same cause.
- **X** We don't cover damage from:
 - normal bedding down of new structures or shrinkage
 - settling of newly made up ground
 - coastal or river erosion
 - demolition or structural repairs or alterations to your buildings.

Vandalism or malicious acts

X We don't cover:

- damage caused by paying guests or tenants
- loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

Falling trees or branches

X We don't cover damage to fences, gates or hedges.

Falling TV aerials, radio aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings

Please note:

- if you have our Buildings cover, your buildings are covered for loss or damage caused by falling TV aerials, radio aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings. But our Buildings cover does not cover damage to TV aerials, radio aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings themselves
- if you have our Contents cover, this covers damage to your TV aerials, radio aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings themselves (see Section 2).

Frost damage to water pipes and tanks

- X We don't cover:
 - water pipes or tanks that are outside
 - water pipes or tanks in outbuildings
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

Riot, civil unrest, labour disputes or political disturbance

Weight of snow

This includes cover for garages and outbuildings, but only if they:

- are built of brick, stone or concrete, and
- have a tile or slate roof.
- **X** We don't cover damage to fences, gates and hedges.

B Additional cover

You're covered for

Service pipes and cables

We will pay for accidental damage to underground drains, pipes, cables and tanks which you are legally responsible for and which provide services to or from your home.

We won't pay for loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

Loss of keys

We will pay to replace and fit locks:

- on the outside doors of your home; or
- to any safe or alarm system in your home

if the keys have been lost or stolen.

Alternative accommodation, kennel fees and lost rent

We will pay up to £50,000, in total, for alternative accommodation for **you** and kennel fees for **your** pets, and lost rent, if:

- **your home** is uninhabitable while it is being repaired, due to a valid claim **you** have made under Section 1.
- your home is occupied by squatters.

Alternative accommodation where appropriate will be reflective of the individuals' needs. Each claim will be reviewed taking into account the duration, location and occupancy and will continue for the shortest amount of time necessary to restore **your home** to a habitable condition.

- **We** won't pay for:
 - any subscription based services to your alternative accommodation
 - any costs associated with keeping livestock and/or horses.

Please note **we** may not pay for costs **you** incur without **our** prior agreement.

Clearance costs

We will pay the costs of clearing the site and making it safe if we need to before repairing or rebuilding the **buildings** after damage covered under Section 1.

Professional fees

We will pay fees for chartered architects, surveyors, suitably qualified consultants and legal fees necessary for **us** to rebuild **your home**.

X We won't pay any fees for preparing your claim.

Government or local authority regulations and requirements

We will pay the additional costs of rebuilding or repairing the damaged part of the **buildings** only if this is necessary to comply with any government or local authority regulations and requirements after damage covered under Section 1.

We won't pay if you were told about the requirement before the damage happened.

Emergency entry to buildings and gardens

We will pay up to $\pounds 2,500$ for loss of or damage to your buildings or garden landscaping caused by the fire brigade, police or ambulance service making a forced entry because of an emergency involving you.

Oil and metered water

We will pay for the value of:

- oil from a domestic heating installation
- metered water

that is lost by a cause insured under Section 1A.

C Accidental damage

This cover is optional

You're covered for

Accidental damage to the buildings

Accidental damage is sudden and unintentional physical damage that happens unexpectedly.

You're not covered for

- X We won't pay for:
 - · damage caused by any paying guest or tenant
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).
 - damage by any cause listed in or specifically excluded in Section 1A, other than:
 - tobacco burns
 - loss or damage caused by water overflowing from sinks, wash basins, bidets, showers and baths as a result of taps being left on in your home

D Property owner's liability

You're covered for

Property owner's liability

We will pay up to £2,000,000 to cover your legal liability for damages you have to pay if someone makes a claim against you for:

- accidental death or illness of, or bodily injury to, any person
- · accidental loss of or damage to property.

This will also include costs, expenses and legal fees for defending **you**, if **we** have agreed this in writing beforehand.

We will pay if

The death, illness, bodily injury, loss or damage must be caused solely by **you**, either:

- as owner of your current home, or
- by defective work carried out by **you** or on **your** behalf to any private residence within the United Kingdom that **you** used to own.

Any liability that arises solely from **you** occupying **your home**, but not as owner of the property, is not covered under this section. However if **you** have our Contents cover, this covers liabilities arising from **you** occupying **your home**.

Previous homes

If the claim is for a home you used to own and live in:

- you must not be covered by any other insurance, and
- you must no longer have any interest in that property.

You're not covered for

- X Damages resulting from claims made against **you** for:
 - death or illness of or bodily injury to you or your domestic staff
 - damage to property belonging to or in the custody or control of you or your domestic staff
 - death, injury, loss or damage caused by any **business**
 - any liability created by an agreement, unless you would have had that liability anyway
 - any incident that happens outside the period of insurance.

E If you claim

How we settle claims

If the **buildings** are damaged by any of the causes listed in Section 1, **we** will either:

- repair or rebuild the damaged part using our suppliers
- pay to repair or rebuild the damaged part using your suppliers
- make a cash payment.

If **we** can repair or rebuild the damaged part, but **we** agree to use **your** suppliers or make a cash payment, **we** will only pay **you** what it would have cost **us** using our suppliers and therefore the amount **you** receive may be lower than the cost charged by **your** suppliers.

If **we** cannot repair or rebuild the damaged part, **we** will pay the full cost of rebuild or repair.

If the damage to the **buildings** isn't repaired or rebuilt, **we** may pay the difference between the market value of **your** property immediately before the damage and its value after the damage.

We may take off an amount for wear and tear if the **buildings** were not in a good state of repair at the time of the damage.

How much we will pay

The most we will pay for any claim will be:

- the total sum insured shown on your schedule or the full rebuild cost of your buildings, whichever is less, plus
- any amounts due under the following parts of Section 1B:
 - Alternative accommodation, kennel fees and lost rent
 - Clearance costs
 - Professional fees
 - Government or local authority regulations and requirements
 - Emergency entry to buildings and gardens
 - Oil and metered water.

If the sum insured isn't enough to cover the cost to rebuild **your buildings**, **we** will reduce any payment in line with the premium shortfall.

For example, if **your** premium was 75% of what it would have been if the sum insured was enough to rebuild **your buildings**, **we** will pay no more than 75% of **your** claim.

Your excess

You will have to pay any excesses shown in your schedule. This includes the specific excesses for:

- subsidence, heave or landslip
- · escape of water or oil
- **accidental damage** to the **buildings** (if **you** have Section 1C).

We will only take off one excess for each claim, unless there is an **endorsement** shown in **your** policy schedule to say otherwise.

If **we** have asked a supplier to deal with all or part of **your** claim, **we** may ask them to collect the **excess** from **you**.

Our guarantee

We guarantee any work carried out by **our** suppliers for 12 months. We don't provide any guarantee for work carried out by a supplier chosen and instructed by **you**.

Reducing your sum insured

We will not reduce the sum insured after paying a claim.

What we don't pay for

- **We** won't pay:
 - to alter or restore any undamaged part of the **buildings**
 - to replace or alter any undamaged items solely because they are part of a set, suite, group or collection.

Section 2: Contents

The cover we provide

• Defined words appear in **bold** – see page 5 for definitions. Your schedule will show if you have this cover.

A Core cover

The contents in your home are covered for damage caused by

- Storm or flood
- Water or oil escaping from fixed water or heating systems

We also cover water or oil escaping from:

- underground drains and pipes
- domestic appliances
- storage tanks.
- X We don't cover:
 - subsidence, heave or landslip damage caused by escaping water or oil under this section. However, you may have cover under the section 'Subsidence or heave of the site on which your home stands, or landslip' below
 - tanks, pipes, appliances or heating systems themselves
 - damage caused by the failure, wear and tear or lack of grouting or sealant
 - Loss or damage caused by water overflowing from sinks, wash basins, bidets, showers and baths as a result of taps being left on in **your home**. However, **you** may have cover under Section 2C Accidental damage. **Your** schedule will show if **you** have this cover.
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

Theft or attempted theft from your home

- X We don't cover:
 - loss by deception, unless the only deception used is to get into your home
 - loss of money unless force and violence is used to get into or out of your home
 - loss or damage caused by paying guests or tenants, or while your home or any part of it is let
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

We will pay up to $\pounds 2,000$ for any contents claim following a theft from your garages or outbuildings.

- Fire, explosion, lightning, earthquake and smoke
- X We don't cover loss or damage caused by:
 - heat distortion unless accompanied by flames
 - tobacco burns, unless accompanied by flames.
- Being hit by vehicles, aircraft, flying objects and animals

We also cover damage from anything that drops from an aircraft or flying object.

- X We don't cover:
 - damage caused by pets.
- Subsidence or heave of the site on which your home stands, or landslip
- **X** We don't cover loss or damage caused by:
 - normal bedding down of new structures or shrinkage
 - · settling of newly made up ground
 - coastal or river erosion
 - demolition or structural repairs or changes to **your home**.

✓ Vandalism or malicious acts

- **We** don't cover:
 - · loss or damage caused by paying guests or tenants
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays)
- ✓ Falling trees or branches
- Falling TV aerials, radio aerials, satellite dishes and their fittings
- Riot, civil unrest, labour disputes or political disturbance

B Additional cover

You're covered for

Frozen and chilled foods

We will pay up to £500 to replace any food in **your** freezer or fridge that is lost or damaged by:

- the temperature rising or falling
- the refrigerant or refrigerant fumes escaping.
- **We** won't pay:
 - if **your** freezer or fridge is over 10 years old, unless it is regularly serviced
 - for loss or damage resulting from a deliberate act or neglect by you, or by your electricity provider or their employees or agents
 - for loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

Moving home

We will pay for loss of or damage to your contents by a cause listed under Sections 2A (and 2C, if shown in your schedule) while the contents are being moved from your home to another private property that you are going to live in permanently within the British Isles. This includes cover while the contents are temporarily stored for up to 72 hours.

- **We** won't pay for loss or damage:
 - to money
 - to china, glass, earthenware or other fragile items
 - · to bicycles
 - caused by any paying guest or tenant.

Loss of keys

We will pay to replace and fit locks:

- on the outside doors of your home; or
- to any safe or alarm system in your home

if the keys have been lost or stolen.

Alternative accommodation, kennel fees and storage

We will pay up \pounds 30,000 if your home is uninhabitable following a valid claim made under Section 2A or 2C for:

- the cost of providing alternative accommodation for you and kennel fees for your pets while your home is uninhabitable
- the cost of temporarily storing **your contents** while **your home** is being repaired.

We will only provide cover for your contents if:

- they aren't covered by any other insurance policy
- we have arranged for their temporary storage.

Alternative accommodation where appropriate will be reflective of the individuals' needs. Each claim will be reviewed taking into account the duration, location and occupancy and will continue for the shortest amount of time necessary to restore/replace **your contents** and/or to make **your home** habitable.

- **We** won't pay for:
 - any subscription based services to **your** alternative accommodation
 - any costs associated with keeping livestock and/or horses.

Please note **we** may not pay for costs **you** incur without **our** prior agreement.

Oil and metered water

We will pay for the value of:

- oil from a domestic heating installation
- metered water

that is lost by a cause insured under Section 2A.

Contents outside

We will pay up to $\pounds 1,000$ for loss of or damage to your contents from any of the causes listed under Sections 2A (and 2C, if shown in your schedule) while they are outside but within the boundaries of your home.

- X We won't pay for:
 - loss of money
 - loss of or damage to bicycles
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

C Accidental damage

This cover is optional

You're covered for

Accidental damage to your contents

We will pay for accidental damage to your contents while they are in your home or being moved to your new home.

Accidental damage is sudden and unintentional physical damage that happens unexpectedly.

You're not covered for

- **We** won't pay for:
 - damage to **bicycles**
 - damage to money
 - · damage caused by any paying guest or tenant
 - loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays)
 - damage by any cause listed in or specifically excluded in Section 2A, other than:
 - tobacco burns
 - loss or damage caused by water overflowing from sinks, wash basins, bidets, showers and baths as a result of taps being left on in your home.

D Personal liability

You're covered for

Personal liability

Liabilities arising from **you** occupying **your home** and **your** personal liabilities as a private individual in and away from **your home**.

We will pay up to £2,000,000 to cover your legal liability for damages you have to pay if someone makes a claim against you during the **period of insurance** for:

- accidental death or illness of, or bodily injury to, any person
- accidental loss of or damage to property.

This will also include costs, expenses and legal fees for defending **you**, if **we** have agreed this in writing.

Any liability that arises solely from **you** owning **your home** is not covered under this section. However, **you** may have cover under 'Property owner's liability' if **you** have **our** Buildings cover.

You're not covered for

- X Any liability relating to:
 - death or illness of, or bodily injury to, **you** or **your** domestic staff
 - damage to property belonging to or being looked after by you or your domestic staff
 - death, illness, injury, loss or damage caused by:
 - you owning or occupying any land or building except your home or temporary holiday accommodation
 - any business
 - an agreement, unless that liability would have existed anyway
 - **you** owning, keeping or using any:
 - vehicles except caravans and trailers while they are not being towed
 - drones or model aircraft
 - animals except domestic pets
 - horses, ponies, donkeys or mules
 - dangerous dogs as described under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or the Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and any updates to that legislation
 - any disease that can be passed from one person to another.

Liability for accidental death or illness of, or bodily injury to, **your** domestic staff is covered under Section 2E Employer's liability.

E Employer's liability

You're covered for

Employer's liability

We will pay up to $\pounds 5,000,000$ to cover damages you become legally liable to pay for any claim caused by a single incident involving accidental death or illness of, or bodily injury to, your domestic staff.

This will also include costs, expenses and legal fees for defending **you**, if **we** have agreed this in writing beforehand.

We only cover incidents that happen within the **period** of insurance on your schedule.

F Tenant's liability

You're covered for

Tenant's liability

We will pay up to $\pounds 5,000$ for any claim resulting from a single incident for amounts **you** become legally liable to pay as a tenant of **your home** for damage caused to the **buildings** by any cause covered by Section 1A.

If **you** have **contents accidental damage** (Section 2C), this also includes any amounts **you** become legally liable to pay for **accidental damage** to:

- underground drains, pipes, cables and tanks which you are legally responsible for and which provide services to or from your home
- fixed glass in windows, doors or roofs, fixed ceramic hobs, sinks and bathroom fittings in your home.

Accidental damage is sudden and unintentional physical damage that happens unexpectedly.

You're not covered for

X We won't pay for:

- breakages caused by your paying guests or tenants
- loss or damage when it has been more than 60 days since you last slept at your home on a regular basis (which doesn't include occasional visits or stays).

G If you claim

How we settle claims

For any item of **contents** that is lost or damaged **we** will choose whether to:

- · replace or repair the item or part
- pay the cost of replacing or repairing the item or part, up to the amount it would have cost to replace or repair using **our** own suppliers, or
- make a cash payment.

We won't pay more than the amount it would have cost us to replace or repair using **our** own suppliers.

If appropriate parts or replacement items are not available, **we** will pay the full cost of the item, provided the sum insured is adequate.

In the case of **mobile phone** replacements, **we** may replace with a Grade A refurbished phone that comes with a 12 month warranty. This is a like new handset which has been thoroughly cleaned and comes with the following (when required): a new battery, replacement parts and a new outer shell.

How much we will pay

The most we will pay for any claim will be:

- the Contents sum insured shown in your schedule
- the amount shown in your schedule for any loss of or damage to valuables that you haven't included as specified items
- £2,500 for any one **valuable** (whether an item, set or collection) unless **your** schedule shows otherwise
- the sum insured shown in the schedule for any specified item
- £10,000 for business equipment
- £350 for loss of or damage to any mobile phone which you haven't included as a specified item in your schedule
- £500 for **money**
- £500 for frozen and chilled foods
- £2,000 for theft from garages or outbuildings
- the amounts shown in Section 2 under the headings:
 - Alternative accommodation, kennel fees and storage
 - Contents outside.

On top of **your** total sum insured, **we** will also pay for:

- alternative accommodation, kennel fees and storage
- loss of keys
- oil and metered water.

If the sum insured isn't enough to cover the cost to replace all of the **contents** of **your home** as new, **we** will reduce any payment in line with the premium shortfall.

For example, if **your** premium was 75% of what it would have been if the sum insured was enough to replace the entire **contents** of **your home** as new, **we** will pay no more than 75% of **your** claim.

Your excess

You will have to pay any excesses shown in your schedule. This includes the specific excesses for:

- escape of water or oil
- accidental damage to your contents (if you have Section 2C).

We will only take off one excess for each claim, unless there is an **endorsement** shown in **your** policy schedule to say otherwise.

If **we** have asked one of **our** suppliers to deal with all or part of **your** claim, **we** may ask them to collect the **excess** from y**ou**.

Sets and suites

If part of a set, suite, group or collection of items is lost or damaged, **we** will not pay the cost to replace or alter any of the undamaged items solely because they are part of the same set, suite, group or collection.

If **we** ask **you** to, **you** will have to give up the undamaged parts of the set or suite to **us** where the full replacement cost has been paid.

Specified items

If **you** claim for an item listed in **your** schedule, **you** will need to give **us** proof of the item's value. To help **you** do this, **we** recommend that **you** keep receipts and copies of valuations.

Reducing your sum insured

We will not reduce the sum insured after paying a claim.

Section 3: Personal possessions

The cover we provide

• Defined words appear in **bold** – see page 5 for definitions. Your schedule will show if you have this cover.

A Core cover

Your personal possessions are covered for

Accidental loss and damage

We will pay for accidental loss of or damage to:

- your personal possessions
- any other items listed on **your** schedule under 'Personal possessions'

while they are within the British Isles.

This includes cover for:

- possessions stolen from **your** unattended **vehicle**, but only if the **vehicle** is locked and **your** possessions are hidden from view in a closed glove compartment or locked boot
- loss or damage to bicycle tyres and accessories, but only if the bicycle is lost or damaged at the same time
- the theft of an unattended **bicycle**, but only if it is in a locked building or secured with a bike lock to an immovable object.

Your personal possessions aren't covered for

- X We don't pay for loss of or damage to:
 - business equipment
 - vehicles
 - watercraft propelled by hand (such as a surfboard or rowing boat)
 - sports equipment while it is in use
 - · camping equipment while it is set up or in use
 - hearing aids unless specified on your schedule
 - items taken by Customs or other officials
 - any **bicycle** while it is being used for organised racing, pace-making or trials
 - **money** (other than as provided under Section 3B Money).
- **We** also don't pay for loss or damage:
 - for theft involving deception
 - by any paying guest or tenant
 - covered under Section 2A.

B Additional cover

You're covered for

Money

We will pay up to £500 for the theft or accidental loss of **money** which is either with **you**, or which **you** have left in a secure place, anywhere in the world. **You** must report the theft or loss to the police within 24 hours.

- **We** don't pay for:
 - shortages caused by mistake (e.g. someone shortchanging **you**)
 - any loss in value (e.g. as a result of currency devaluation)
 - money confiscated by Customs or other officials.

Overseas travel

We will cover items that are insured under Section 3A for up to 60 days in any one policy year, while they are temporarily outside the British Isles. You must either have the items with you, or have left them in a secure place.

- **X** We don't pay for:
 - bicycles whilst outside the British Isles.

You're not covered for

We don't pay for anything that is excluded under Section 3A.

C If you claim

How we settle claims

For any **personal possession**, set or part of a set that is lost or damaged **we** will choose whether to:

- replace or repair the item or part
- pay the cost of replacing or repairing the item or part, up to the amount it would have cost to replace or repair using **our** own suppliers, or
- make a cash payment.

We won't pay more than the amount it would have cost us to replace or repair using **our** own suppliers.

If appropriate parts or replacement items are not available, **we** will pay the full cost of the item, provided the sum insured is adequate.

In the case of **mobile phone** replacements, **we** may replace with a Grade A refurbished phone that comes with a 12 month warranty. This is a like new handset which has been thoroughly cleaned and comes with the following (when required): a new battery, replacement parts and a new outer shell.

How much we will pay

The most we will pay for any claim will be:

- the Personal Possessions sum insured shown on your schedule
- £2,500 for any one item, set or collection unless **your** schedule shows otherwise
- £1,500 for any **bicycle** unless it is specified on **your** schedule
- £1,500 for any laptop computer or tablet computer unless it is specified on **your** schedule
- £350 for any **mobile phone** which **you** haven't included as a specified item in **your** schedule
- £500 for theft from an unattended motor vehicle.

Your excess

You will have to pay any excesses shown on your schedule.

We will only take off one excess for each claim, unless there is an **endorsement** shown in **your** policy schedule to say otherwise.

If **we** have asked a supplier to deal with all or part of **your** claim, **we** may ask them to collect the **excess** from **you**.

Sets and suites

If part of a set, suite, group or collection of items is lost or damaged, **we** will not pay the cost to replace or alter any of the undamaged items solely because they are part of the same set, suite, group or collection.

If **we** ask **you** to, **you** will have to give up the undamaged parts of the set or suite to **us** where the full replacement cost has been paid.

Specified items

If **you** claim for an item listed in **your** schedule, **you** will need to give **us** proof of the item's value. To help **you** do this, **we** recommend that **you** keep receipts and copies of valuations.

Other policy conditions

Claims conditions

These apply to:

- Section 1 Buildings
- Section 2 Contents
- Section 3 Personal Possessions

Reporting claims

When **you** find out about anything **you** need to claim for, or may need to claim for, **you** must tell **us** as soon as possible.

If you make a buildings, contents or personal possessions claim (but not a liability claim)

For any claim **you** must:

- Give us any relevant information and evidence that we ask for, including proof of ownership or value of the lost or damaged item and written estimates for repair. You will have to do this at your own expense.
- Allow us (or our appointed suppliers) to access or inspect the damaged items and/or property.
- Immediately tell the police:
 - about any loss or damage by deception, theft, attempted theft, vandalism or malicious acts.

If you make a liability claim

For any claim you must:

- Send us any letter, claim, writ or summons in connection with the claim or potential claim as soon as you receive it, unanswered.
- Get our written consent before admitting, denying, negotiating or settling a claim.

We may take over, defend or settle the claim, or take up any claim in **your** name for **our** own benefit.

You must give us all the information and help we need.

Professional Customer Representative

We will not deal with a professional customer representative unless they are authorised and regulated in the jurisdiction in which they operate by an appropriate regulatory authority. If that is the Financial Conduct Authority, you can check the Financial Services Register www.fca.org.uk/firms/financial-services-register for details about your professional customer representative. We will not continue dealing with a **professional customer representative** and instead only deal with **you** directly if:

- i the professional customer representative's behaviour is unreasonable;
- ii the negotiations regarding settlement are not concluded within a reasonable timeframe; and/or
- iii there is no reasonable prospect of a settlement being concluded in line with the policy within a reasonable timeframe.

You may not assign or transfer your policy, or any right or obligation under that policy to any third party, including a professional customer representative, without our prior express written consent.

We will always retain the right to communicate directly with you even if you have instructed a professional customer representative.

If you instruct a professional customer representative, we may still pay any claim settlement directly to you. If you ask us, we may at our own discretion agree to pay the claim settlement to the professional customer representative. If we do this we will have paid your claim in full, and will not be responsible for the work carried out by your professional customer representative, or whoever they appoint, and will not be liable for any further costs associated with that work.

If you don't follow our claim conditions, and this negatively affects our position:

- we will reject your claim or be unable to deal with it, or
- we will not pay your claim in full.

Handing over damaged items

You should only hand over damaged items when we, or our suppliers, ask you to do so.

Enforcing your rights

We may at our expense and in your name take steps to enforce your rights against any other person either before or after we pay a claim.

You must give us any information or assistance we need.

Other insurance policies

We will not pay any claim if **you** have cover under any other insurance policies.

General conditions

These apply to all sections

Policy terms and conditions

You must keep to the policy terms, conditions and endorsements.

If **you** don't:

- your policy may be invalidated
- we may reject your claim
- we may not pay your claim in full.

Preventing loss

You must take reasonable care to prevent loss, injury or liability, damage or accidents to the **buildings** and **contents** covered under this policy.

Maintaining your buildings and contents

You must keep the **buildings**, **contents** and **personal possessions** covered under this policy in good condition.

Fraud

You must be honest in your dealings with us at all times.

We will not pay a claim that is in any way fraudulent, false or exaggerated.

If **you**, any person insured under this policy or anyone acting on **your** behalf attempts to deceive **us** or knowingly makes a fraudulent, false or exaggerated claim:

- your policy may be cancelled
- we may reject your claim and any subsequent claims
- we may keep any premium you have paid.

What happens if we discover fraud

We have the right to cancel any other products **you** hold with **us** and share information about **your** behaviour with other organisations to prevent further fraud.

We may also involve the relevant authorities who are empowered to bring criminal proceedings.

If a fraudulent, false or exaggerated claim has been made under any other policy **you** hold with **us**, **we** may cancel this policy.

Changes that may affect your cover

You must tell us as soon as possible about any changes that could affect the level and/or cover of your insurance, e.g.:

- you change the address where you normally live
- any work is being done to your home other than routine maintenance or decoration
- **you** are prosecuted for or convicted of any offence (excluding motoring offences)
- you let your home out to tenants or a lodger moves in
- your home is used for business purposes or as a holiday home.

The list above does not set out all the changes **you** must tell **us** about. If **you** are not sure whether a change may affect **your** cover, please contact **us**.

What will we do when you tell us about a change

We may reassess your cover and/or premium and this may be subject to an administration fee. Please refer to your schedule for details of the administration fee.

What happens if you don't tell us about a change

If **you** don't tell **us** about any changes:

- your policy may be invalidated
- we may reject your claim
- we may not pay your claim in full.

Paying the premium

You will only be covered if you pay your premiums.

If **we** can't collect **your** premium on the date it is due, **we** will assume that **you** do not want to continue with **your** policy unless **you** tell **us** otherwise.

We may cancel your policy on that date. Before we do, we will write to you to give you another opportunity to make the payment. If you do not pay the premium by the date stated in our letter, we will write to you to confirm that your policy was cancelled on the date the missed payment was due.

If **you** have made a claim, or one has been made against **you**, before that date **you** will need to pay the balance of the year's premium.

People involved in this contract

Unless **we** have stated otherwise, nothing in the policy is intended to confer a directly enforceable benefit on any other party under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

General conditions continued

Cancellation by us

We have the right to cancel your policy at any time if there is a valid reason. We will give you 14 days' notice in writing. We will send our cancellation letter to the latest address we have for you.

Valid reasons may include but are not limited to:

- you failing to co-operate with us or send us information or documentation as required by the terms of your policy where this significantly affects our ability to process your claim or deal with your policy
- changes to your circumstances that mean you no longer meet our criteria for providing home insurance
- you using threatening or abusive behaviour or language with our staff or suppliers.

If **we** cancel **your** policy, **we** will return the premium paid less the amount for the period the policy has been in force.

Cancellation by you

You may cancel your policy at any time by contacting Magnet Insurance Services Limited on **01636 858249** or sending Magnet Insurance Services Limited notice in writing by email or letter. (See back cover page for contact details.)

If you cancel at renewal

If **you** cancel before the new **period of insurance** is due to start, **we** will return any premium paid in full.

If **you** cancel within 14 days of the start of the new **period of insurance** or within 14 days of receiving **your** renewal documents (whichever is the later), **we** will return any premium paid in full.

We will not refund any premium if:

- you have made a claim during the period of insurance
- a claim has been made against you during the period of insurance.

If you cancel at any other time

If **you** cancel **your** policy before it is due to start, **we** will return any premium paid in full.

If **you** cancel within 14 days of **your** policy starting or within 14 days of receiving **your** documents (whichever is the later) **we** will return any premium paid, less the administration fee shown in **your** schedule.

If **you** cancel after 14 days have passed, **we** will return any premium paid, less the administration fee shown in **your** schedule and an amount for the period the policy has been in force.

We will not refund any premium if:

- you have made a claim during the period of insurance
- a claim has been made against you during the period of insurance.

Index linking – buildings cover

If **you** have set **your** own building sum insured, **we** will index link the amount shown on **your** schedule using the House Rebuilding Cost Index prepared by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or another appropriate index.

We do not apply index linking to our other policy limits.

Index linking - contents cover

If **you** have set **your** own contents sum insured, **we** will index link the amount shown on **your** schedule using the Retail Price Index or another appropriate index.

We do not apply index linking to our other policy limits.

Losses not covered

These apply to all sections

- We don't cover any pre-existing loss or damage that happened before your cover started.
- **We** don't cover any loss, damage or legal liability caused by:
 - radioactive contamination. This is:
 - ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel
 - the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of any explosive nuclear equipment or nuclear part of that equipment
 - war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution or similar event
 - sonic bangs from aircraft or other flying objects travelling at or above the speed of sound
 - pollution or contamination unless it is caused by oil leaking from:
 - any fixed heating installation in your home
 - any domestic appliance in **your home**.
 - failure of computers and electrical equipment caused by computer viruses
 - terrorism by a person or people acting alone or in connection with any organisation or government, using biological, chemical or nuclear force or contamination.

How to make a complaint

We understand that things don't always go to plan and there may be times when you feel we've let you down. If this happens, we want you to tell us. We'll do our best to put things right as soon as possible or explain something we could have made clearer.

If your complaint relates to customer service, website or telephone issues

Please contact in the first instance Magnet Insurance Services Limited who will assist you with your problem. You can contact them by calling this number **01636 858249** Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm. If you'd prefer to write, you can send them an email or a letter. (See back cover for contact details.) Their complaints procedure can be viewed online at https://www.magnetinsurance.co.uk/home/docs/ Customer-Complaints-Procedure.pdf

If your complaint relates to a claim

We'd like you to speak to us about your problem by calling this number **0800 051 0213** or **01903 636 991**. If you'd prefer to write to us, you can send the letter to:

Customer Relations Manager Churchill Court, Westmoreland Road, Bromley BR1 1DP.

Our staff are empowered to support you and will aim to resolve most issues within three working days, following receipt of your complaint.

If your complaint can't be resolved within three working days, we'll contact you to let you know who will be dealing with it and what the next steps are.

We will keep in regular contact with you. You'll also receive the following written communication from us depending on how long it takes us to resolve your complaint:

Communication type	When will you get this?	What will it tell you?
Summary Resolution Communication	If we've been able to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction within 3 working days, following receipt of your complaint.	It will let you know your complaint has been resolved and tell you about the Financial Ombudsman Service.
Acknowledgement	If we've been unable to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction within 3 working days, following receipt of your complaint.	It will let you know our complaint handling process and information about the Financial Ombudsman Service.
Unable to reach resolution within 8 weeks	If we've been unable to resolve your complaint within 8 weeks.	It will let you know why we are not in a position to give you our final response and when we expect to be able to provide this. We'll also let you know about your right to contact the Financial Ombudsman Service.
Final Response	If we've been unable to resolve your complaint within 3 working days, we'll send you our Final Response when we've completed our investigations. We'll do our best to send this at the earliest opportunity.	 This is a detailed response, which will outline: our investigation the decision next steps, if applicable. It will also provide information about the Financial Ombudsman Service.

How to make a complaint continued

Independent Review

If we don't complete our investigations within 8 weeks of receiving your complaint or you're unhappy with our response, you may ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to look at your complaint. This is a free and independent service. If you decide to contact them, you should do so within 6 months of our response letter. Referring your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service will not affect your legal rights.

You can contact them by:

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

Phone: UK: 0300 123 9123 or 0800 023 4567 Abroad: +44 20 7964 0500

Writing to:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR.

Their website also has a great deal of useful information: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Everything else

Our regulators

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Financial Conduct Authority

- Go to www.fca.org.uk (the website includes a register of all regulated firms).
- Call 0800 111 6768.

Prudential Regulation Authority

- · Go to www.bankofengland.co.uk/pra
- Call 020 7601 4878.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

General insurance claims are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Full details of the cover available can be found at **www.fscs.org.uk**. U K Insurance Limited is a member of this scheme.

Can we help?

To make a change or to talk to us about your policy Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm. 01636 858249

If you would prefer to write, you can either email us on **info@magnetinsurance.co.uk** or you can send your letter to:

Magnet Insurance Services Limited Newark Beacon Cafferata Way Newark Nottinghamshire NG24 2TN

Need to claim?

Claims are handled by NIG. If you need to claim:

- get in touch with NIG as soon as possible by:
 - Submitting your claim here (this link will take you to our claims notification site)
 - Calling 0345 300 4648 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)
 - For Emergency out-of-hours assistance please call 01732 520 270
- · don't make any arrangements for replacement or repair before you call
- when you call we'll ask for:
 - your policy number (you may be asked to quote the scheme policy number of 006474927)
 - information about the extent of the loss or damage
 - your crime or loss reference number (if relevant).

