# MORE TH>N° Home Choice



Your Home Choice insurance Policy Wording. Please keep this safe

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If you have selected MORE THAN Legal Services and/or MORE THAN Home Emergency cover you will receive separate Policy Wording booklets.

#### Welcome to MORE THAN Home Choice Insurance

# Thank you for taking out a policy with MORE THAN and for choosing us for your home insurance.

Our Home Choice Insurance policy takes care of many of the things life can throw at you. For example, if you have our Primary Contents or Buildings cover, you will be covered for fire, storm, flood, theft, escape of water and other similar causes. If you chose our Upgraded or Accidental Damage cover you have wider protection to cover the contents in your garden up to £2,000 or accidental damage to your contents, and accidental damage to your buildings including underground pipes or cables.

As a home owner, it is important that you regularly maintain your property keeping it in good condition and in good repair. And if you're planning on making any home improvements such as a loft conversion or adding any room space, let us know so we can ensure you're properly covered.

Of course, we hope you don't ever need to make a claim. But, if you do, you can rest assured that you will enjoy an excellent service from our team of claims specialists.

Then, if an emergency occurs and you need urgent repairs, you have access to our extensive list of emergency repairers – plumbers, carpenters, locksmiths and more. They're all available 24 hours a day to deal with emergency repairs.

But first things first – we want to help you understand your home insurance policy. Legally we need to make sure you're aware that the information you've given us is part of your insurance contract with us. Your Policy and Schedule and additional Policy Wordings provided with Legal Services and/or Home Emergency cover are evidence of that contract, so please read them carefully to ensure that your cover is exactly what you need, and keep them in a safe place.

To help you understand everything you need to know about the protection your policy offers and the extent of your cover, you'll see these headings appear on many of the pages:

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Contents/ Buildings Cover	Upgraded Contents/ Buildings Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Contents/ Buildings Cover with Accidental Damage
These sections give detailed information on the insurance cover provided. You need to read it with 'What is not covered' at all times.	These sections will make it clear what is not covered under your policy.				

### Six steps to a more secure home

Follow the tips in this security guide to help make your home as secure as possible.

Some of our customers are required to meet all six security precautions shown below. If this includes you and you don't take these precautions, there is a risk you may not be insured against theft.

# Important information for new customers

If you live in an area where the number of burglaries is higher than average, if you have recently been burgled or if the value of contents in your home is high, you will need to take all six security measures shown below.

The letter you received with this document tells you more about this, but the most important thing to remember, is you must take all six precautions within 45 days of the start of your policy.

# Important information for existing customers

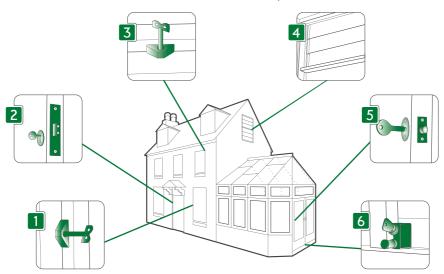
If you move home, add contents cover, increase the value of contents in your home, or you make a theft claim, you too may need to take all six security measures shown.

The letter accompanying your schedule at this time will clarify any security actions you need to take. You will have 45 days from the date in which your circumstances change or from your renewal date if you have made a claim, to put these measures in place.

You must make sure all doors and windows are locked when you leave your home and when you go to bed – any one of the locks shown will do. There's no need to lock the windows of the rooms you sleep in.

Even if these security precautions are not a requirement of your policy, we would still recommend you take these measures to improve the security of your home.

For more information on any of the locks mentioned, speak to your locksmith, a member of the Master Locksmith's Association, or visit www.locksmiths.co.uk.



#### Points of entry

- 1 Ground floor and basement opening windows, or any other ground floor openings measuring more than 23cm x 23cm (9" x 9"), must be fitted with key-operated locks.
- 2 The final exit door must be secured by either a deadlock conforming to British Standard 3621 or with a minimum of five levers, or by a multi-point locking system that includes a lever or cylinder deadlock.
- 3 Upper floor opening windows, including skylights which are accessible from adjoining roofs, walls, downpipes, balconies or external stairs, must be fitted with keyoperated window locks.
- 4 Any louvre windows must be fixed into their brackets with suitable adhesive.
- 5 All other external doors must be secured with either a deadlock with a minimum of five levers or conforming to BS 3621, by a multi-point locking system that incorporates a lever or cylinder deadlock, or by key-operated horizontal security bolts fitted internally top and bottom.
- 6 Patio or french doors or windows must be secured by a multi-point locking system with a lever or cylinder deadlock. As an alternative, hinged-type doors can be fitted with key-operated vertical security bolts fitted internally top and bottom. Sliding-type doors or windows can have key-operated bolts fitted internally top and bottom also.

### Your policy

We know insurance policies can be difficult, so below you will find some information to help you understand and use your policy.

We have tried to make this booklet easy to read. However, we have still had to use some words that have a special meaning. These are listed and explained on page 7 'Definitions'. From now on wherever a word with a definition is used it will be printed in **bold** type.

#### The basics

Your Policy is in two parts - this booklet and the Schedule.

This booklet tells you:

- · Exactly what is covered and what isn't
- · How to make a claim and how we will settle that claim
- · Our obligations to you
- · The terms and conditions you must comply with.

Your Schedule shows:

- The sections of the policy that apply to you and the dates from which cover is in force
- The various limits and sums insured that apply to your cover
- · Any special terms that apply to your policy
- · Your premium
- · Your name and the address of the home to be insured
- · Your policy number.

We want you to understand and be satisfied with your insurance policy, so please take a careful look through both this booklet and Schedule to make sure you're familiar with all the help we can offer. Then keep them together in a safe place.

We will send you a new Schedule whenever you or we make a change to this insurance and each year shortly before your policy is due for renewal so you can check the cover still meets your needs.

Simply check your Schedule to see which sections of this booklet apply – the 'Contents' page on page 2 will then direct you to the relevant pages.

What is covered by your policy is shown on the left-hand side of the page in the white column. What is not covered by your policy is shown in the green-tinted column on the right.

Page 7 tells you how to make a claim, and you should also read the general conditions and exclusions on pages 23-25.

If you have any questions, please call the Customer Service Line 0330 102 3627.

### Guidance when making a claim

#### Claim notification

Conditions that apply to the policy and in the event of a claim are set out in your policy booklet. It is important that the insured complies with all policy conditions and you should familiarise yourself with any requirements.

Directions for claim notification are included under claims conditions. Please be aware that events that may give rise to a claim under the insurance must be notified as soon as possible although there are some situations where immediate notice is required. Further guidance is contained in the policy hooklet

Claims conditions require you to provide us with any assistance and evidence that we require concerning the cause and value of any claim. Ideally, as part of the initial notification, you will provide:

- Your name, address, and your home and mobile telephone numbers
- · Personal details necessary to confirm your identity
- · Policy number
- The date of the incident
- The cause of the loss or damage
- Details of the loss or damage together with claim value if known
- · Police details where applicable
- Names and addresses of any other parties involved or responsible for the incident (including details of injuries) and addresses of any witnesses.

This information will enable **us** to make an initial evaluation on policy liability and claim value. **We** may, however, request additional information depending upon circumstances and value which may include the following:

- Original purchase receipts, invoices, instruction booklets or photographs, bank or credit card statements, utility bills, pre-purchase surveys, or plans or deeds of your property
- Purchase dates and location of lost or damaged property
- For damaged property, confirmation from a suitably qualified expert that the item you are claiming for is beyond repair

Where we have asked you for specific information relevant to your claim we will pay for any reasonable expenses you incur in providing us with the above information.

Sometimes we, or someone acting on our behalf, may wish to meet with you to discuss the circumstances of the claim, to inspect the damage, or to undertake further investigations.

#### Preferred suppliers

We take pride in the claims service we offer to our customers. Our philosophy is to repair or replace lost or damaged property, where we consider it appropriate, and we have developed a network of contractors, repairers and product suppliers dedicated to providing claim solutions.

Where we can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier but we agree to pay our customer a cash settlement, then payment will normally not exceed the amount we would have paid our preferred supplier.

### Here's what you should do in an emergency

- First of all, take any immediate action necessary to protect your property from further damage, such as switching off the gas, electricity or water.
- Then call our 24 hour Emergency Repair Helpline. We have a team of Emergency repairers on hand to rush round and make urgent repairs. Even on Christmas Day, if you need an emergency plumber, we'll make sure you get one.
- Check that your claim is covered by your policy. Each section of your policy booklet contains details of what is insured, what is excluded and how claims are settled.
   You'll also find Conditions and Exclusions on pages 23-25.
   Your policy does not cover you for maintenance of your property or damage caused by wear and tear.
- Call the Claims Helpline to let us know about your claim.
   If more major work is needed, and is covered by your policy, we'll then meet your claim in the usual way.
- Please don't throw away any damaged items involved in your claim before we've had a chance to inspect them.

If you have any questions, please call the emergency repair helpline 0800 300 684 (Lines are open 24 hours, 7 days a week).

If your call relates to a claim under our Home Emergency cover policy, please call the helpline number shown on the back of your MORE TH>N Home Emergency cover policy booklet.

### Important Information

#### The insurance contract

This policy is a legal contract between **you** and **us**. The policy wording and schedule make one document and must be read together. Please keep them together.

The contract is based on the information you gave us when you applied for the insurance.

Our part of the contract is that we will provide the cover set out in this policy wording:

- · for those sections which are shown on your policy schedule;
- for the insurance period set out on the same schedule.

Your part of the contract is:

- you must pay the premium as shown on your schedule for each insurance period;
- you must comply with all the terms and conditions set out in this policy.

If you do not meet your part of the contract, we may turn down a claim, increase the premium or you may find that you do not have any cover.

There are conditions of the insurance that you or your family will need to meet as your part of this contract on pages 29-31. The conditions set out the changes in circumstances that could affect your cover and when we would cancel your policy. Please take the opportunity to read the Policy Conditions.

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 you live, or if you live in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the law of whichever of those two places in which you live.

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 you live, or, if you live in either the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the courts in whichever of those two places in which you live.

This policy has been issued by Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd in the United Kingdom.

#### Keeping us informed

This policy is based on the information you have given us about yourself, your family and your property. It is important you let us know within 30 days of changes that affect what you have told us; for example, if anything happens to change the use, nature or the amount of property insured, or the number of bedrooms in your home changes. See the Changes in Circumstances Condition on page 23 for details of the changes that you need to tell us about.

### **Definitions**

This part of the policy sets out the words which have a special meaning. Each word is listed with the meaning explained below and is printed in **bold** type whenever it appears in the policy.

**Accidental Damage** – Sudden, unexpected and visible damage which has not been caused on purpose.

**Bedroom** – A room designed or subsequently converted for sleeping in even if used for other purposes.

**Bicycle** – Any **bicycle**, tricycle or unicycle. This includes electrically powered **bicycles** and their accessories, but not any other motorised or electric vehicles of any kind.

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

**Business** – The employment, profession, business or trade of any of the **insured**.

Clerical Business Equipment – computer, telecommunication and office equipment, office furniture and stationery, owned by your family or your family's responsibility under contract.

Clerical business equipment does not include business stock or business money or credit cards and no cover is provided for:

- the cost of replacing paper records, except for their value as stationery; and/or
- any loss or erasure of, or any damage, distortion or corruption to records, data, programs and software.

### Definitions (cont.)

**Credit Cards** – Credit, charge, cheque, bankers or cash dispenser cards.

Excess - The first part of any claim which you must pay.

**Heave** – Upward and/or lateral movement of the site on which **your** buildings stand caused by swelling of the ground.

High Risk Items – Televisions, personal computers, binoculars, audio and video equipment, jewellery and articles of precious metal, clocks, watches, photographic equipment, furs, pictures, works of art, curios and collections.

**Home** – The house together with its garages and outbuildings all used for domestic purposes including any part of the house used for **business** purposes.

**House** – The private dwelling at the address shown on **your** schedule.

Insurance Period – The period shown on your schedule and any further period for which you have paid or have agreed to pay and we have accepted or have agreed to accept your premium.

**Insured – You, your** spouse or partner, children (including adopted and foster children), parents and other relatives who normally reside with **you**.

Landslip - Downward movement of sloping ground.

Money – Current legal tender, cheques, postal and money orders, gift tokens, phone cards or vouchers, parking, luncheon or retail vouchers, trading stamps, stamps which are not part of a stamp collection, premium bonds, savings certificates, travellers cheques, season travel tickets and electronic cash prepayment cards.

Policyholder/you/your – The person(s) named as policyholder on your schedule.

**Subsidence** – Downward movement of the site on which **your** buildings stand by a cause other than the weight of the buildings themselves.

**Unfurnished** – Without sufficient furniture and furnishings for normal living purposes.

**Unoccupied** – **Not** lived in by any of the **insured** or by any other person with the **insured**'s permission. Lived in means slept in frequently.

We/us/our - Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd.

### Home Emergency Assistance Part 1

This section explains the protection provided by Home Emergency Assistance subject to any limits shown in this booklet and on **your** schedule. This section is automatically included in **your** policy.

Home Emergency Assistance does not cover everything which **you** might regard as an emergency. It does not cover

normal day to day household maintenance or repairs which need to be carried out periodically, such as descaling water pipes or curing leaking taps.

The most we will pay for any one claim including the cost of the repair, parts, call out charges, alternative accommodation and VAT is £200.

#### WHAT IS COVERED

Home Emergency Assistance only covers **you** against the costs of certain household situations, which **you** will find described in covers 1-5.

We will pay the cost of the repair, parts and call out charges for work undertaken at the address shown on the schedule by a tradesman authorised by us to carry out temporary or permanent repairs for covers 1-4, which if not dealt with immediately upon discovery will make the home unsafe or insecure for you, cause damage to the home or its contents, or result in the home losing its main source of electricity, lighting or water (hot or cold).

If a permanent repair is necessary, the authorised tradesman will carry it out provided the cost of the permanent repair is within the Home Emergency Assistance limit. This cover may not provide the cost of full repair or replacement.

An authorised tradesman is approved and instructed by us and is competent to provide domestic repair services appropriate to the situation. Payments will be made directly to our contractor.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

- · Any incident not reported to us within 48 hours of discovery.
- Any incident which occurs during the first 7 days following the start of your Home Emergency Assistance cover.
- Garages (unless integral or attached to the home), sheds, greenhouses, any other outbuilding which is not designed to be permanently lived in.
- · Land belonging to the home.
- Gas leaks.
- Any subsequent repairs for the same damage or system.
- Permanently replacing or removing paths or driveways in order to deal with the emergency.
- Any repair arising from circumstances known to you before you asked us to provide cover.
- Any system, equipment or facility having reached the end of its expected working life.
- Damage caused as a result of any system equipment or facility having reached the end of its expected working life.
- The normal day to day maintenance of the home, system(s) or facility.

# Home Emergency Assistance (cont.)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
	Any equipment not installed, operated maintained or repaired in accordance with established practice or manufacturer's instructions, statutory regulations or British standards.  Any equipment, which has been the subject of a manufacturer recall, unless the recall advice was followed, and any changes required were implemented.  Domestic appliances.  Damage if the home has not been lived in by your family for more than 60 days in a row.  Damage caused when the home is lived in solely by anyone other than your family.  Repairs which are made by anyone other than the tradesman authorised by us.  Costs incurred without our agreement.  Any loss, expenses or costs of any kind that are not directly caused by the event that led to your claim.  Any home used for any trade, professional or business purposes except clerical business.

# Home Emergency Assistance Part 2

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
We will pay the cost of the repair, parts and call out charges for:  1. Repairs necessary to restore the service or prevent further damage to the home as a result of failure or damage to the plumbing or drainage system for which you are legally responsible.	Cesspits, septic tanks and associated fittings. Any mains service which is the responsibility of a public service company. Shared drainage facilities, except on the land belonging to the home. Dripping taps or any other parts of the plumbing or drainage system where water is safely escaping down a drain. Descaling and any work arising from hard water scale deposits. Escape of water outside of the home, which is not causing damage to the interior of the home or its contents. Damage by gradual deterioration which has caused an installation to reach the end of its serviceable life.
2. Complete failure of the electricity supply within the home.	Failure of the electricity supplies as a result of:     industrial action by a public service company.     the electricity supply being deliberately or accidentally cut off.     Any mains service which is the responsibility of a public service company.
Repairs necessary to the outside doors, or to the frame or glazing of the outside doors or windows of the home to make the home safe or secure.	Damage caused deliberately by your family.
Repairs necessary to make the roof of the home watertight and prevent further damage.	The cost of replacing flat roofs.
5. The cost of overnight accommodation for your family including that required for any pets normally living with you if we agree that the home cannot be lived in.	The cost of overnight accommodation for anyone who is not a member of your family.

### Home Emergency Assistance Part 3

#### How we settle claims for Home Emergency Assistance

Call our 24 hour Emergency Repair Helpline on the number shown at the back of this booklet, after taking any action you think is necessary to protect the home from further damage, such as switching off the gas, electricity or water. We have a team of tradesmen on hand to carry out urgent repairs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The most we will pay for any one claim including the cost of the repair, parts, call out charges, alternative accommodation and VAT is £200.

If the claim is a result of an incident which is also covered under the Buildings section, **you** may be able to claim for any further repair under that section. Please refer to the 'Guidance when making a claim' section on page 6.

We will not pay any call out charge if having asked for assistance you are not at home when the tradesman arrives at the time agreed.

We are not responsible for any inconvenience, loss or damage caused by delay in the provision of spare parts or components by manufacturers or suppliers; spare or replacement parts may not be from the original manufacturer.

**You** should also read the claims conditions and policy conditions and exclusions on pages 23–25.

#### Legal Helpline

This is automatically included in your policy:

#### Legal advice

Whatever legal matter you need help and guidance with, simply call this free service and speak to an expert. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Legal Helpline enables you to obtain confidential expert advice on a wide range of subjects, together with guidance on the steps you should take to protect your rights whenever you need it. The advice given, in most cases, is immediate, and is geared to providing you with easily understood practical help. Where a problem has a simple solution which you can satisfactorily resolve yourself, the advisor will outline appropriate step-by-step action that you should take.

Comprehensive advice on all areas of the law is available including domestic problems, personal injury claims, motor related disputes, property worries (please note that the helpline is unable to provide advice in relation to land or property which is outside the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands), and matrimonial problems.

You can use the service as many times as you wish, whenever you need to.

Details of the 24 Hour Emergency Repair Helpline and Legal Helpline telephone numbers are enclosed with this policy. These services will only be available during the insurance period.

### Section 1: Home Contents

This part of the policy sets out the cover **we** provide for **your** contents subject to the sum insured or limit shown on **your** schedule, unless **your** schedule states 'Not Included'.

The following covers apply depending on the level of cover **you** have selected as shown on **your** schedule:

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Contents Cover	Upgraded Contents Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Contents Cover with Accidental Damage
By contents we mean household goods, bicycles, high risk items and personal effects which belong to or are the legal responsibility of the insured or of resident domestic employees, including money and credit cards up to £500, clerical business equipment up to £7,500 and lawful visitors' personal possessions up to £2,500 for each visitor.	Motor vehicles and children's motor vehicles whether licensed for road use or not, go-karts, mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles (other than gardening machinery and pedestrian controlled vehicles), caravans, trailers, aircraft, hovercraft, boats or parts or accessories for any of them whether attached or detached, other than removable entertainment equipment whilst removed. Mechanically propelled or assisted watercraft. Swimming pool covers. Pets and livestock. Securities and documents of any kind. Landlords' fixtures and fittings. Anything used for trade, professional or business purposes except clerical business equipment.				
When in your home the contents are insured against loss or physical damage by the following causes:	The excess shown on your schedule applies to loss or damage by all causes other than 3, 12-14, 15, 18, 22, 23 and 25.				
Fire, smoke, lightning, explosion, earthquake.	Damage by smoke from air pollution.	~	~	~	~
2. Storm or flood.	Damage caused by a rise in the water table (the level below which the ground is completely saturated with water).	~	~	~	~
Water escaping from washing machines or dishwashers, fixed water or fixed heating systems.     Oil escaping from a fixed heating system.	The escape of water excess shown on your schedule. Damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Damage to the appliance or system which the water or oil escapes from. The cost of replacing the water or oil that has escaped.	~	~	~	~
4. Riot, Civil commotion.		~	~	~	~
5. Malicious persons or vandals.	Except where there is forcible and violent entry or exit, damage while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees.	V	V	V	V
6. Theft or attempted theft.	Loss by deception unless the only deception was someone tricking their way into your home.     Except where there is forcible and violent entry or exit:     loss of money	V	V	V	~

# Section 1: Home Contents (cont.)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Contents Cover	Upgraded Contents Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Contents Cover with Accidental Damage
	<ul> <li>loss or damage while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees</li> <li>loss or damage if your home is used to receive visitors in connection with your business operating from your home.</li> <li>Loss or damage while your home has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.</li> <li>Any amount exceeding £3,000 for loss or damage to contents in any garage or outbuilding.</li> </ul>				
7. Subsidence and/or heave of the site on which your home stands or of land belonging to your home, or landslip.	Loss or damage resulting from movement of solid floor slabs unless the foundations beneath the external walls of your home are damaged by the same cause and at the same time.     Loss or damage resulting from:	V	V	V	V
8. Falling trees or branches.		~	~	~	~
Falling aerials or satellite receiving equipment, their fittings or masts.		~	~	~	~
<ol> <li>Collision involving aircraft or aerial devices or anything dropped from them, vehicles or animals.</li> </ol>	Loss or damage by pets.	~	~	~	~
11. If your house is made uninhabitable as a result of damage to your contents we will pay the additional costs of similar short term accommodation for the insured and also for any pets living with you.	Any costs the insured would have to pay once your home becomes habitable again. Any costs you agree to pay without our written permission. The cost of alternative accommodation for anyone who does not normally live with you. Any costs arising from loss or damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Contents section and which is specifically excluded under that paragraph. Any amount exceeding £15,000.	V	V	V	V
If the level of cover shown on your schedule for Contents is with Accidental Damage this section also provides insurance in your home against:					against:
12. Accidental breakage of mirrors, ceramic hobs or tops in free-standing cookers, plate glass tops to furniture and fixed glass in furniture.	The accidental damage excess shown on your schedule. Breakage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.			~	~
13. Accidental damage to televisions, audio, video and computer equipment and their aerials and satellite aerials.	The accidental damage excess shown on your schedule. Damage by water entering your home other than by storm or flood. Damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.			V	V

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Contents Cover	Upgraded Contents Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Contents Cover with Accidental Damage
14. Accidental damage to contents.	The accidental damage excess shown on your schedule. Damage to clothing and contact lenses. Deterioration of food. Damage while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees. Damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Loss or damage by water entering your home other than by storm or flood. Damage by a cause listed in paragraphs 5, 6 or 7 and which is specifically excluded in that paragraph.			V	٧
15. Loss or damage by any cause insured by paragraphs 1-10 occurring in the open within the boundaries of the land belonging to your home.	Any amount exceeding £2,000.	on your	schedul	e:	V
16. Temporary removal and student cover. Loss or damage by any cause insured by paragraphs 1-10 to your contents while they are moved temporarily away from your home: a. to a building or residence within the British Isles where any of the insured is living, working or studying at University, College or School, or to any other premises b. elsewhere in the British Isles.	Any amount exceeding £11,250. In respect of 16b. loss or damage:  in any furniture storage  by theft unless there is forcible and violent entry into or exit from a building  by collision while in transit or on the person.		V		V
17. Accidental loss or damage when in transit by land from your home for permanent removal to another home in the British Isles by professional removal contractors.	Loss or damage to china, glass, earthenware and other items of a brittle nature unless they have been packed by professional packers. Loss or damage while your contents are in storage or being moved to or from storage.	V	V	V	V
The insured's legal liability:  18. For damages and/or claimants' costs in respect of accidental bodily injury (including death, disease or illness) or accidental damage to material property occurring during any insurance period incurred:  a. solely as occupier (not as owner) of your home and its land b. solely in a personal capacity (not as occupier or owner of any building or land) c. as an employer to an employee.  The most we will pay for all damages and claimants' costs resulting from one original cause is £1,000,000 except where the claim is for accidental bodily injury to an employee under contract of service to the insured and arises out of and in the course of such employment in which event it is £10,000,000.	Damage to property belonging to or held in trust by or in the custody or control of the insured.  Injury or damage arising out of the business of any of the insured.  Injury (except to an employee) or damage arising out of ownership, possession or use by or on behalf of the insured of motor vehicles, children's motor vehicles, go-karts, mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles (other than stairlifts, gardening machinery and pedestrian controlled vehicles) whether licensed for road use or not, caravans, trailers, aircraft, hovercraft or boats (other than hand propelled boats) wetbikes, trains, gliders or hang-gliders.  Injury or damage arising out of ownership, possession or use by or on behalf of the insured of mechanically propelled or assisted watercraft.	V	~	~	~

# Section 1: Home Contents (cont.)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Contents Cover	Upgraded Contents Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Contents Cover with Accidental Damage
(18. cont.)  We will also pay defence costs and expenses incurred with our written consent. After the insured's death the legal personal representatives of the insured are included in this paragraph in respect of liability incurred by the insured and covered by the policy provided that the legal personal representatives observe the terms of the policy as far as they can apply.	Liability to any employee for which compulsory insurance or security is required by any road traffic legislation. Liability assumed by agreement unless the liability would have existed without the agreement. Injury (including death, disease or illness) to the insured. Liability resulting directly or indirectly from the transmission of any communicable disease or virus by the insured. Injury, including death, disease or illness (except to an employee), and damage arising out of the ownership, custody or control by or on behalf of the insured, of a dog of a type described in section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or Article 3 of The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. Liability arising from The Party Wall etc. Act 1996.				
19. Special Events Cover During the period one month before and one month after Christmas and Other Religious Festivals, the wedding, civil partnership, anniversary, birthday or birth of any of the insured, and providing this is within the insurance period shown on your schedule, the sum insured for contents under this section is increased by 10%.	Any amount exceeding 10% of the contents sum insured.		V		V
20. Loss or damage by any cause insured against under paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 10 occurring in the open within the boundaries of the land belonging to your home to trees, shrubs, hedges, bushes, lawns and plants.	Any amount exceeding £2,000.		V		V
21. Accidental loss at your home of metered water and oil from the domestic heating installation resulting from any cause insured by paragraphs 1-10.	Any amount exceeding £2,000.		~		V
22. In the event of:  a. accidental loss or theft of the keys to the external doors of your home, or to safes or alarms in your home  b. accidental damage to the locks of the external doors to your home, or to safes or alarms in your home.  We will pay for the replacement of the lock mechanism or we will change the locks. The maximum amount payable in any one insurance period is £1,000.  If you have both Contents and Buildings Insurance you can only claim under one section.	The first £25 of each loss or damage. Loss or damage by any process of repair or restoration. Any amount exceeding £1,000.	V	V	V	V

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Contents Cover	Upgraded Contents Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Contents Cover with Accidental Damage
23. Tenants' Liability (not as owner, leaseholder or landlord): If you are legally liable under the terms of your tenancy agreement for damage to your home, we will indemnify you against your liability at law under paragraphs 1-10, 12 and 13 of the Buildings section of this policy.	Damage by a cause listed in paragraphs 1-10, 12 and 13 of the Buildings section of this policy and which is specifically excluded in that paragraph. Any amount exceeding £15,000.		~		~
24. Tenants Improvements Damage, as provided under covers 1 – 10 of the Buildings section of this policy, to fixed tenants' improvements and fixed internal decorations in your home.	Damage by a cause listed in the Buildings section of this policy and which is specifically excluded in that paragraph.		~		~
25. The cost of replacing food in a freezer in your home, that has been spoilt by an accidental change in temperature in your freezer.	Loss or damage by an electricity or gas supplier deliberately cutting off or reducing the supply to your home. Loss or damage while your home has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Any amount exceeding £500.	V	V	V	<b>&gt;</b>
26. The cost of replacing deeds and documents following loss or damage by paragraphs 1 – 10, 13 or 14 of the Contents section of this policy while they are in your home.	Damage while your home has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Damage by any cover listed in the Contents section and which is specifically excluded under that paragraph. Any amount exceeding £2,500.	V	~	V	~
27. The cost of replacing electronic data downloads following loss or damage to contents by paragraphs 1 – 10, 13 or 14 of the Contents section of this policy.	The cost of remaking or recreating a disc, tape or film. Any data not commercially available at the time of the loss. Damage by any cover listed in the Contents section and which is specifically excluded under that paragraph. Any amount exceeding £2,500.	~	~	V	<b>v</b>

#### How we settle claims

- 1 a Where the damage can be economically repaired we will pay the cost of repair.
  - Where the damage cannot be economically repaired and the damaged or lost item can be replaced, we will replace it. If a replacement is not available we will replace it with an item of similar quality.
  - c. Where we are unable economically to repair or to replace an item with an item of similar quality, we will agree a cash payment with you based on the replacement value.
  - d. Where we can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier, but instead you request and we agree to pay a cash settlement, then the amount will not normally exceed what we would have paid our preferred supplier.
- 2. For clothing, a deduction for wear and tear may be made.
- 3. If at the time of any loss or damage the sum insured on contents is less than the cost of replacing all the contents as new (less an allowance for wear and tear on clothing) and items cannot be economically repaired, we will pay the cost of replacement as new less a deduction for wear and tear.
- 4. We will not pay for the cost of replacing or repairing any undamaged part of the contents which forms part of a suite or part of a common design or function when the damage is restricted to a clearly definable area or to a specific part.

The maximum amount payable in respect of any one claim under paragraphs 1-10, 12-14 and 17 is the sum insured (less any excess) subject to any limits shown on your schedule.

#### Inflation protection

The following paragraph does not apply where the sum insured on contents is shown on **your** schedule as "up to a maximum of".

The sum insured on contents and the high risk items limits are the amounts shown on your schedule adjusted monthly in line with a recognised index. No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of your policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the new sum insured and the limits shown on your schedule. For your protection, we will not reduce your sum insured or limits if the index moves down unless you ask us to.

**Please note:** Remember to keep the sum insured up to date when new articles are bought. **Your** cover is for replacement cost except for clothing.

The value of items such as jewellery, articles of precious metal, clocks, watches, pictures, works of art, antiques, curios and collections often fluctuates independently of inflation. These fluctuations are not reflected by the indices used for inflation protection and **you** should make certain that these items are insured for the correct amount at all times.

### Section 2: Optional extras

This part of the policy sets out the cover we provide for the Optional Extras subject to the sums insured and limits shown on your schedule, unless your schedule states the Optional Extra is 'Not Included'.

#### 1. Personal Possessions

#### WHAT IS COVERED

# By personal possessions we mean valuables, personal effects and clothing as described in the schedule which belong to or are the legal responsibility of the insured.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

- Motor vehicles and children's motor vehicles whether licensed for road use or not, go-karts, mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles (other than gardening machinery and pedestrian controlled vehicles), pedal cycles, caravans, trailers, aircraft, trains, motorised pedal cycles, gliders, hang-gliders, wet bikes, hovercraft, boats or parts or accessories for any of them whether attached or detached other than removable entertainment equipment whilst removed.
- · Mechanically propelled or assisted watercraft.
- Pets and livestock.
- · Money or credit cards.
- Household goods and domestic appliances.
- · Securities and documents of any kind.
- · External television and satellite receiving equipment.
- Business stock and materials comprising drugs, diamonds, platinum drills, gold, silver or other precious metals or articles made therefrom.

Personal possessions are insured against:

Loss or physical damage within the British Isles and while temporarily elsewhere in the custody or control of the insured provided that the period for which the insured is outside the British Isles does not exceed a total of 60 days in any insurance period.

The most **we** will pay for any one claim is the sum insured subject to any limit shown on **your** schedule.

- On unspecified valuables, personal effects and clothing, the excess shown on your schedule.
- Any amount exceeding £1,000 in respect of theft or attempted theft of property in or from a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is occupied by a person aged 16 years or over.
- When in your home, except where there is forcible
  and violent entry or exit, loss or damage by theft or
  attempted theft, malicious persons or vandals while your
  house or any part of it has been occupied for more than
  60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or
  resident domestic employees.
- When in your home, except where there is forcible and violent entry or exit, loss or damage by theft or attempted theft, malicious persons or vandals if your home is used to receive visitors in connection with your business operating from your home.
- When in your home, loss or damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.
- Loss by deception unless the only deception was someone tricking their way into your home.
- Loss or damage by water entering your home other than by storm or flood.
- Loss or damage by delay, confiscation or detention by customs or other official bodies.
- Loss or damage to contact lenses while engaged in water sports.

#### How we settle claims

- a. Where the damage can be economically repaired we will pay the cost of repair.
  - Where the damage cannot be economically repaired and the damaged or lost item can be replaced, we will replace it. If a replacement is not available we will replace it with an item of similar quality.
  - c. Where we are unable economically to repair or to replace an item with an item of similar quality, we will agree a cash payment with you based on the replacement value.
- d. Where we can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier, but instead you request and we agree to pay a cash settlement, then the amount will not normally exceed what we would have paid our preferred supplier.
- 2. For clothing, a deduction for wear and tear may be made.

We will settle your claim less any excess subject to any limits shown on your schedule.

#### Inflation protection

The sums insured and the limit under Item 1 are the amounts shown on your schedule adjusted in line with a recognised index. No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of your policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the new sums insured and the limit shown on your schedule.

For your protection, we will not reduce your sums insured or limit if the index moves down unless you ask us to.

Please note: Remember to keep the sum insured up to date when new articles are bought. Your cover is for replacement cost except for clothing. The value of items such as jewellery, articles of precious metal and watches often fluctuates independently of inflation. These fluctuations are not reflected by the indices used for inflation protection and you should make certain that these items are insured for the correct amount at all times.

### 2. Personal Money

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
By personal money we mean money belonging to the insured kept and used solely for private, social and domestic purposes.	Any amount exceeding £500.
Personal money is insured against: Loss within the British Isles and while temporarily elsewhere in the custody or control of the insured provided that the period for which the insured is outside the British Isles does not exceed a total of 60 days in any insurance period.  The most we will pay for any one claim is the sum insured shown on your schedule.	The excess shown on your schedule. Loss due to confiscation, to depreciation in value or to errors or omissions in receipts, payments or accountancy. When in your home, except where there is forcible and violent entry or exit, loss or damage by theft or attempted theft, malicious persons or vandals while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees. When in your home, loss or damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.

#### How we settle claims

We will pay the amount of the loss up to the sum insured shown on your schedule.

#### 3. Personal Credit Cards

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
By credit cards we mean any credit card issued in the <b>British</b> Isles to the insured	Any amount exceeding £500.
The insurance is against:  Cover for losses where you are held liable and your card provider charges you up to a maximum of £50 for each claim for every card, resulting from unauthorised transactions arising from the use of a lost or stolen credit card.  Do not forget to inform the police and the bank or credit card provider as soon as possible in the event of a loss.	There is no excess payable for credit cards. In most cases you will only be liable for the first £50 per credit card. Loss which results from any authorised cardholder not following the terms and conditions under which the credit card was issued.  Use of credit cards by any of the insured without the permission of any authorised cardholder.

#### How we settle claims

We will pay the amount for which the insured is responsible provided the insured has complied with all the terms and conditions under which the card is issued.

#### Inflation protection

The sums insured on personal money and credit cards are the amounts shown on your schedule adjusted in line with a recognised index. No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of your policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the new sums insured shown on your schedule.

For your protection, we will not reduce your sums insured if the index moves down unless you ask us to.

### Section 2: Optional Extras (cont.)

#### 4. Pedal Cycles

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED
By pedal cycles we mean any pedal cycle which belongs to or is the legal responsibility of the insured.	Motor-assisted pedal cycles.
Pedal cycles are insured against: Loss or physical damage within the British Isles and while temporarily elsewhere in the custody or control of the insured provided that the period for which the insured is outside the British Isles does not exceed a total of 60 days in any insurance period. The most we will pay for any one claim for each pedal cycle is the limit per cycle.	The excess shown on your schedule. Loss or damage while being used for racing. Loss or damage by depreciation, atmospheric or climatic conditions, ingress of water, gradually operating cause or repair. Theft of unattended cycles unless in a building or securely locked. When in your home, except where there is forcible and violent entry or exit, loss or damage by theft or attempted theft, malicious persons or vandals while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees. When in your home, loss or damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.

#### How we settle claims

- a. Where the damage can be economically repaired we will pay the cost of repair.
- b. Where the damage cannot be economically repaired and the damaged or lost cycle can be replaced, we will replace it.
- If a replacement is not available we will replace it with a cycle of similar quality.
- d. Where we are unable to economically repair or replace the cycle with a cycle of similar quality we will agree a cash payment with you based on the replacement value.
- Where we can offer repair or replacement through a preferred supplier, but instead you request and we agree to pay a cash settlement, then the amount will not normally

exceed what we would have paid our preferred supplier.

We will settle your claim less any excess subject to any limits shown on your schedule.

#### Inflation protection

The limit per cycle is the amount shown on your schedule adjusted in line with a recognised index. No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of your policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the new limit shown on your schedule.

For your protection, we will not reduce your limit if the index moves down unless you ask us to.

### Section 3: Buildings

This part of the policy sets out the cover **we** provide for **your** buildings subject to the sum insured or limit shown on **your** schedule, unless **your** schedule states 'Not Included'.

The following covers apply depending on the level of cover you have selected as shown on your schedule:

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Buildings Cover	Upgraded Buildings Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Buildings Cover with Accidental Damage
By buildings we mean the home, landlords' fixtures and fittings, patios, paved terraces, footpaths, swimming pools, tennis courts, garden ponds, statues and fountains permanently fixed into the ground, drives, walls, fences, hedges and gates.	Swimming pool covers.     External television, radio or satellite receiving equipment.				
The buildings are insured against loss or physical damage by the following causes:	The excess shown on your schedule applies to loss or damage by all causes other than 3, 7, 12–15 and 16.				
Fire, smoke, lightning, explosion, earthquake.	Damage by smoke from air pollution.	V	~	~	~
2. Storm or flood.	Damage to fences, hedges or gates. Damage caused by a rise in the water table (the level below which the ground is completely saturated with water).	V	~	V	~

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Buildings Cover	Upgraded Buildings Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Buildings Cover with Accidental Damage
3. Freezing of fixed water or fixed heating systems. Water escaping from washing machines or dishwashers, fixed water or fixed heating systems. Oil escaping from a fixed heating system.	The escape of water excess shown on your schedule. Damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Damage to the appliance or system which the water or oil escapes from unless freezing causes the damage.	V	V	V	V
4. Riot, Civil commotion.		~	~	~	~
5. Malicious persons or vandals.	Damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Damage while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees unless force and violence has been used to get into or out of your home.		V	V	V
6. Theft or attempted theft.	Loss or damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.     Loss or damage while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees unless force and violence has been used to get into or out of your home.	V	V	V	V
7. Subsidence and/or heave of the site on which the buildings stand or of land belonging to the buildings, or landslip.	The subsidence excess shown on your schedule. Damage to patios, paved terraces, footpaths, swimming pools, tennis courts, garden ponds, statues and fountains permanently fixed into the ground, drives, walls, fences, hedges and gates unless your home is damaged by the same cause and at the same time. Damage to solid floor slabs or loss or damage resulting from the movement of solid floor slabs unless the foundations beneath the external walls of your home are damaged by the same cause and at the same time. Damage resulting from coastal or river erosion. Demolition of or structural alteration or structural repair to your home or damage caused by any of them. Damage caused by structures bedding down or settlement of newly made up ground. The use of defective materials or damage caused by either of them.	•	•	•	•
8. Falling trees or branches.	Damage to fences, hedges or gates.	~	~	~	~
Falling aerials or satellite receiving equipment, their fittings or masts.		V	~	~	~
Collision involving aircraft or aerial devices or anything dropped from them, vehicles or animals.	Damage by pets.	~	~	~	~

### Section 3: Buildings (cont.)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Buildings Cover	Upgraded Buildings Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Buildings Cover with Accidenta Damage
If your house is made uninhabitable as a result of damage to your buildings we will pay the:     rent you would have received but have lost including ground rent; or     the additional costs of similar short term accommodation for the insured and also for any pets living with you.	If you have Primary Cover - Any amount exceeding £30,000. Any costs the insured would have to pay once your home becomes habitable again. Any costs you agree to pay without our written permission. The cost of alternative accommodation for anyone who does not normally live with you. Any costs arising from loss or damage by any cause listed elsewhere in the Buildings section and which is specifically excluded under that paragraph.	•		~	
	If you have Upgraded Cover - Any amount exceeding £100,000.		~		~
If the level of cover shown on your schedule for $\ensuremath{I}$	Buildings is with Accidental Damage this section als	o provid	es insura	nce agai	nst:
12. Accidental breakage of drains and pipes and accidental damage to cables and underground tanks which are used to provide services to or from your home, for which you are legally responsible.	The accidental damage excess shown on your schedule. Damage by gradual deterioration which has caused an installation to reach the end of its serviceable life. Damage by water escaping which results in subsidence, movement, settlement or shrinkage of any part of your buildings or of the land belonging to your buildings.			V	V
13. Accidental breakage of glass in windows, ceramic hobs or tops or sanitary ware fixed to and forming part of <b>your home</b> .	The accidental damage excess shown on your schedule. Breakage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row.			~	~
14. Accidental damage to buildings.	The accidental damage excess shown on your schedule. Damage while your house or any part of it has been occupied for more than 60 days in a row by anyone other than the insured or resident domestic employees. Damage while your house has been left unoccupied or unfurnished for more than 60 days in a row. Damage by water entering your home other than by storm or flood. Damage by a cause listed in paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 13 and which is specifically excluded in that paragraph. Defective design, the use of defective materials or damage caused by any of these. Movement, settlement or shrinkage in any part of the buildings or damage caused by any of them. Damage caused by movement of the land belonging to the buildings. Demolition of or structural alteration or structural repair to your home or damage caused by any of them.			V	V

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The following covers also apply depending on the level of cover you have selected as shown on your schedule:

The policyholder's legal liability:
15. For damages and/or claimants' costs in respect of accidental bodily injury (including death, disease or illness) or accidental damage to material property occurring during any insurance period incurred:

- a. solely as owner (not as occupier) of your home and its land
- b. in connection with any home formerly owned and occupied by the policyholder and incurred by reason of Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act, 1972 or Section 5 of the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order, 1975 provided that:
  - at the time of the incident giving rise to liability the policyholder had disposed of all legal title to and interest in that home, and

ii. no other insurance covers the liability. If this policy is terminated on sale of the home the policyholder will be insured in the terms of paragraph 15b for a period of 7 years after the date of termination but the insurance will cover only liability incurred in connection with the home and will not apply if the liability is covered under a more recently effected or current policy. The most we will pay for all damages and claimants' costs resulting from one original

cause is £1,000,000.

We will also pay the defence costs and expenses incurred with our written consent. After the policyholder's death the legal personal representatives of the policyholder are included in this paragraph in respect of liability incurred by the policyholder and covered by the policy provided that the legal personal representatives observe the terms of the policy as far as they can apply.

- Damage to property belonging to or held in trust by or in the custody or control of the insured.
- Injury or damage arising out of the business of any of the insured.
- Injury or damage arising out of ownership, possession or use by or on behalf of the insured of motor vehicles, children's motor vehicles, go-karts, mechanically propelled or assisted vehicles (other than stairlifts, gardening machinery and pedestrian controlled vehicles) whether licensed for road use or not, caravans, trailers, aircraft, hovercraft or boats (other than hand propelled boats) wet bikes, trains, gliders or hang-aliders.
- Injury or damage arising out of ownership, possession or use by or on behalf of the insured of mechanically propelled or assisted watercraft.
- Liability assumed by agreement unless the liability would have existed without the agreement.
- Injury to any person in the employ of the insured.
- Injury (including death, disease or illness) to the **insured**.
- Liability arising from The Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

If you are an owner in occupation please note:

Liability for injury or damage resulting from land or buildings nearly always attaches to the occupier, rather than the owner. If you are the owner and occupier, insurance against your liability as occupier is not provided by the buildings section of this policy and you should ensure you have a contents insurance which will provide you with the occupier's liability insurance you require.

16. In the event of:

- a. accidental loss or theft of the keys to the external doors of your home, or to safes or alarms in your home
- b. accidental damage to the locks of the external doors to your home, or to safes or alarms in your home

We will pay for the replacement of the lock mechanism or we will change the locks. The maximum amount payable in any one insurance period is £1,000.

If you have both Buildings and Contents Insurance you can only claim under one section.

- The first £25 of each loss or damage.
- Loss or damage by any process of repair or restoration.
- Any amount exceeding £1,000

### Section 3: Buildings (cont.)

WHAT IS COVERED	WHAT IS NOT COVERED	Primary Buildings Cover	Upgraded Buildings Cover (optional)	Accidental Damage Cover (optional)	Upgraded Buildings Cover with Accidental Damage
17 Damage to your gardens and buildings by the Emergency Services a. We will pay for damage to gardens at your home by the Emergency Services attending your home as a result of damage by paragraphs 1-10, 13 or 14 of the Contents section of this policy. b. We will pay for damage to your buildings caused by the Emergency Services while getting into your home to deal with an emergency.	Loss or damage by any cover listed in the Buildings section and which is specifically excluded under that paragraph.     In respect of a. any amount exceeding £1,000.     In respect of b. any amount exceeding £5,000.	V	V	V	۲
18. Trace and Access.  We will pay the cost of removing and replacing any part of the buildings necessary to repair a household heating or water system that has caused any escape of water or oil.	Any amount exceeding £5,000		~		<b>~</b>

#### How we settle claims

 We will pay for the cost of work carried out in repairing or replacing the damaged parts of your buildings and agreed fees and related costs.

Fees and related costs mean:

- Architects', Engineer's, Surveyors' and Legal fees incurred in the repair or replacement (but excluding fees incurred in preparing or furthering any claim under this policy),
- The cost of removing debris, demolition, shoring-up or propping necessarily incurred in repair or replacement.
- The cost of meeting current building regulations, local authority or other statutory requirements or conditions provided that the damaged parts of your buildings are repaired or replaced.

The amount **we** will pay where repairs are carried out will not exceed the lesser of:

- The cost of the work had it been completed by our nominated contractor or
- The cost of the work based upon the most competitive estimate or tender from your nominated contractors.

If the repair or replacement is not carried out,  $\ensuremath{\mathbf{we}}$  will pay the lesser of:

- The decrease in market value of your buildings due to the damage
- The cost of the work had it been completed by our nominated contractor if the repair work had been carried out without delay
- The cost of the work based upon the most competitive estimate or tender from your nominated contractors if the repair work had been carried out without delay.

All building repairs carried out by **our** preferred suppliers and insured under the Buildings section of this policy are guaranteed for 12 months in respect of quality of workmanship.

No allowance will be made for VAT when a cash settlement is made.

- 2. Where an excess applies, this will be taken off the amount of your claim.
- 3. If your buildings have not been kept in a good state of repair or if the sum insured at the time of the loss or damage is less than the cost of rebuilding all your buildings in the same way, size, style and appearance as when they were new, including fees and related costs, we will pay the cost of repairing or replacing the damaged parts of your buildings and we will, where appropriate, take off an amount for wear and tear.
- 4. The most we will pay for any one claim, including fees and related costs, is the amount it will cost us to repair the damage to your buildings in the same way, size, style and appearance as when they were new, but not more than the sum insured or any limits shown on your schedule.

#### We will not pay for:

- Loss of value resulting from repairs to or replacement of damage to your buildings;
- Replacing or changing undamaged parts of your buildings which belong to a set or suite or which have a common design or use, such as a bathroom suite or fitted kitchen units, when the damage is restricted to a specific part or clearly defined area.

The maximum amount payable in respect of any one claim under paragraphs 1-10 or 12-14 is the sum insured (less any excess) shown on your schedule.

#### Sale of the home

If you enter into a contract to sell your interest in any home insured by this policy and, between exchange of contracts and completion of the sale, the home is damaged by any cause insured by paragraphs 1-10 or 12-14 (if the level of cover shown on your schedule for Buildings is with Accidental Damage), the purchaser shall be entitled to the benefit of this cover when the sale is completed provided the home is not otherwise insured by or on the purchaser's behalf.

#### Inflation protection

The following paragraphs do not apply where the sum insured on buildings is shown on **your** schedule as 'up to a maximum of'.

The sum insured on the buildings is the amount shown on your schedule adjusted in line with a recognised index. No extra charge will be made for any increase until the renewal of your policy, when the renewal premium will be based on the new sum insured shown on your schedule.

Index linking of the sum insured will continue during repair or replacement following loss or damage provided the **sum** 

**insured** at the time of loss or damage represents the full rebuilding cost and **you** ensure that the work is carried out without undue delay.

For your protection, we will not reduce your sum insured if the index moves down unless you ask us to.

Please note: You must ensure your sum insured is kept up to date. If you extend or make improvements to your home – installing double glazing or adding a fitted kitchen, for example – you will increase its rebuilding costs, so remember to increase your sum insured.

#### **Conditions & Exclusions**

# Conditions which apply to the whole policy:

These are the conditions of the insurance you and your family will need to meet as your part of this contract. If you do not, a claim may be rejected or payment could be reduced. In some circumstances your policy might be invalid.

#### 1. Your duty to prevent loss or damage

The **insured** must take steps to prevent loss of or damage to property which is covered by this insurance and to keep the property in good condition and in good repair.

#### 2. Changes in circumstances

Using the address on the front of your schedule, you must tell us within 30 days as soon as you know about any of the followina:

- · Of a permanent change of address
- The number of bedrooms in your home has changed
- If anyone other than your family lives in your home, if it is a weekend or holiday home or if it is left unoccupied for a total of more than 60 days in a year.
- If your home is not in good condition, if it requires work other than routine maintenance or decorating or any structural alteration or extension to your home.
- If you or any member of your family living with you has received a conviction for any offence except for driving offences.
- If the value of your contents increases or if the rebuild cost of your home increases.

We may re-assess your cover, terms and premiums when we are told about changes in your circumstances. If you do not tell us about changes or give us incorrect information, the wrong terms may be quoted, a claim might be rejected or a payment could be reduced. In certain circumstances, your policy might be invalid, and you may not be entitled to a refund of premium.

#### 3. Transfer of interest

You may not transfer your interest in the policy without our written approval.

#### 4. Cancellation of the policy

If you wish to cancel your policy please write to us at the address or call the number shown on your schedule. If you

cancel the policy **you** may be entitled to a refund of premium provided that no claim has been made during the current insurance period.

#### Cancellation by you within the first 14 days

If you cancel the policy within 14 days of the date you receive your policy documents, we will refund the premium provided no claim has been made during the current insurance period.

#### Cancellation by you after the first 14 days

If you cancel the policy after 14 days of the date you receive your policy documents, we will refund premiums already paid for the remainder of the current insurance period, provided no claim has been made during the current insurance period.

#### Where we cancel your policy

Please also refer to the Fraud condition on page 31 of this policy and to the Changes in Circumstances condition on page 29 of this policy.

We may also cancel the policy where we have identified serious grounds, including but not limited to;

- failure to provide us with information we have requested that is directly relevant to the cover provided under this policy or any claim;
- the use or threat of violence or aggressive behaviour against our staff, contractors or property;
- · the use of foul or abusive language;
- nuisance or disruptive behaviour

**we** will contact **you** at **your** last known address and, where possible, seek an opportunity to resolve the matter with **you**.

Where a solution cannot be agreed between **us**, **we** may cancel the policy by giving **you** 14 days notice.

This will not affect your right to make a claim for any event that happened before the cancellation date. If we cancel the policy we will refund premiums already paid for the remainder of the current insurance period, provided no claim has been made during the current insurance period.

We also reserve the right to terminate the policy in the event that there is a default in instalment payments due under any linked loan agreement, by giving you 14 days notice at your last known address.

### Conditions & Exclusions (cont.)

5. Cancelling the monthly premium instalment agreement Your policy has a normal insurance period of 12 months and your legal contract with us is for this period. You may have asked and we may have agreed for your annual premium to be paid on a monthly basis by instalments under the terms of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

We reserve the right to terminate the policy in the event that there is a default in instalment payments due under any linked loan agreement.

If you want to cancel your linked loan agreement but not your policy, you must contact us at the address given on your schedule. We can then tell you how much you will have to pay for the rest of the insurance period. If this amount is not paid by the date given in our reply to you, then all cover under your policy will be cancelled from this date.

#### 6. Financial Sanctions

We will not provide any cover or be liable to provide any indemnity, payment or other benefit under this policy to the extent that the provision of such cover, indemnity, payment or other benefit would expose us to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom, United States or other country of policy issue.

If any such resolution, sanction, law or regulation takes effect during the insurance period we may cancel this policy immediately by giving you written notice at your last known address.

# Exclusions which apply to the whole policy:

This insurance does not cover:

#### 1. Radioactive contamination

Any expense, legal liability or any loss or damage to property directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by:

- a. ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from any nuclear fuel or waste which results from the burning of nuclear fuel; or
- b. the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of nuclear machinery or any part of it.

#### 2 War risks

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind caused directly or indirectly by war, invasion or revolution.

#### 3. Sonic bangs

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind caused directly or indirectly by pressure waves from aircraft.

#### 4. Pollution or contamination

Any claim or expense of any kind directly or indirectly caused by or arising out of pollution or contamination unless caused by:

- · a sudden unexpected incident, or
- oil or water escaping from a fixed oil or fixed water installation, and which was not the result of an intentional act, and, which occurs during any insurance period.

All pollution or contamination which arises out of one incident shall be deemed to have occurred at the time such incident takes place.

#### 5. Uninsurable risks

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from:

- any damage which occurs over time as a result of normal use or ageing including fading, corrosion, rusting, decay or deterioration
- · frost, damp, fungus, mould or condensation
- rot, unless it's:
  - caused directly by an escape of water, storm or flood incident specifically covered by this policy, and
  - notified to us as soon as any sign of water damage or rot is apparent
- · insects or moths
- any reduction in an item's value caused by repairing your contents, or a drop in the market value of your home caused by rebuilding or repairing damage to your buildings.

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind directly or indirectly caused by, or resulting from, the following (except as covered by Home Emergency Cover if you've chosen this for your policy):

- any wild small mammal or bird (but not pets) that causes damage as part of its ordinary nature such as nesting or feeding
- · mechanical, electrical or electronic fault or breakdown
- · poor or faulty design, workmanship or materials.

#### 6. Existing and deliberate damage

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind occurring, or arising from an event occurring, before the insurance period starts or caused deliberately by the insured.

#### 7. Date change and computer viruses

- · Any direct or indirect loss or damage caused:
  - to equipment by its failing correctly to recognise data representing a date in such a way that it does not work properly or at all; or
  - by computer viruses.
- Legal expenses, legal benefits and/or liability arising directly or indirectly from:
  - equipment failing correctly to recognise data representing a date in such a way that it does not work properly or at all; or
  - computer viruses;

but any claim for legal expenses/benefits to pursue compensation for personal injury is not excluded.

#### For the purposes of this exclusion:

Equipment includes computers and anything else insured by the policy which has a microchip in it. Computers include hardware, software, data, electronic data processing equipment and other computing and electronic equipment linked to a computer.

Microchips include integrated circuits and microcontrollers. Computer viruses include any program or software which prevents any operating system, computer program or software working properly or at all.

#### 8. Terrorism

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of any kind directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any act of terrorism.

For the purpose of this exclusion, 'terrorism' means the use, or threat of use, of biological, chemical and/or nuclear force or contamination by any person(s), whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government(s) or put any section of the public in fear.

## Conditions which apply in the event of a claim:

These are the claims conditions you and your family will need to keep to as your part of this contract. If you do not, a claim my be rejected or payment could be reduced. In some circumstances your policy might be invalid.

#### Notification of a claim

If anything happens which might lead to a claim, what you
must do depends on what has happened. The sooner you tell
us the better. In some cases, there are other people you must
contact first.

If you or your family are the victim of theft, riot, a malicious act or vandalism, or if you or your family lose something away from your home, tell the police immediately upon discovery and ask for a crime reference number and tell us as soon as you can, or in the case of riot tell us immediately.

If someone is holding any of your family responsible for an injury or any damage, no one in your family must admit responsibility. Give us full details in writing as soon as you can and any claim form, application notice, legal document or other correspondence sent to your family must be sent to us straightaway without being answered.

For all other claims, tell us as soon as you can.

You should do all we reasonably ask you to do to get back any lost or stolen property.

Do not throw away any damaged items before we have had a chance to see them, or carry out any non-emergency repairs before we have had a chance to inspect them.

To help us deal with your claim quickly, we may require additional information which may include the following:

- Original purchase receipts, invoices, instruction booklets or photographs, bank or credit card statements, utility bills, pre-purchase surveys, or plans or deeds of your property
- Purchase dates and location of lost or damaged property
- For damaged property, confirmation from a suitably qualified expert that the item you are claiming for is beyond repair.

Where we have asked you for specific information relevant to your claim we will pay for any reasonable expenses you incur in providing us with the above information.

#### Fraud

2. We believe our policyholders are honest – the contract between us is based on mutual trust. However, fraudulent insurance claims are occasionally made. Where fraud (which can include exaggeration) is detected, claims will not be paid and we may refer the matter to the police for criminal prosecution. The policy may be rendered invalid and we may take other action consistent with our legal rights.

#### Rights and responsibilities

- 3. We may enter any building where loss or damage has occurred.
- 4. Following settlement of any claim any salvage becomes our property. No property may be abandoned to us.
- 5. The **insured** must not admit, reject or negotiate on any claim without **our** written consent.
- 6. We may also start legal action in the name of the insured (but at our expense and for our own benefit) to recover from others, compensation in respect of anything covered by this policy.
- The insured must give us all the help and information we may need to settle or defend any claim or to start legal proceedings.

Where we have asked you for specific information relevant to your claim we will pay for any reasonable expenses you incur in providing us with the above information.

#### Other insurances

8. If you claim under this policy for something which is also covered by another insurance policy, you must provide us with full details of the other insurance policy. We will only pay our share of any claim.

### How we use your Information

Your privacy is important to us and we are committed to keeping it protected. We have created this Customer Privacy Notice which will explain how we use the information we collect about you and how you can exercise your data protection rights. This Privacy Notice will help you understand the following:

#### Who are we?

We are Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd (RSA), we provide commercial and consumer insurance products and services under a number of brands, such as MORE THAN. We also provide insurance services in partnership with other companies.

# Why do we collect and use your personal information?

As an insurer, we need your personal information to understand the level of insurance cover you require. We'll use this information (e.g. your name, address, telephone number and email address) to communicate with you and if you have agreed, to send you news and offers related to our products and services.

We need to use your information to create a quote for you, allowing you to buy insurance products from us. When buying a product from us, you'll also need to provide us with details about the items you wish to be covered by the insurance (e.g. car make and model, your home).

We may need to check information you have submitted with external companies/organisations (e.g. the DVLA, the Motor Insurance Database, credit reference agencies and criminal conviction checks.) When buying certain products, sometimes we will ask for special categories of personal data (e.g. driving offences for motor insurance, medical records in case of injury).

Once you become a customer, we'll need to take your payment details to set up your cover. This could be direct debit, credit or debit card information. To service your policy, we might contact you via our website, emails, telephone calls or post. When using these services we might record additional information, such as passwords, online identifiers and call recordings.

For some of our products, we may collect information through smart sensors to assess your insurance needs (e.g. a black box installed in your vehicle when you buy a telematics driving product, which collects and uses geo-location and driving behaviour data).

If you need to claim against your insurance policy, we will need to collect information about the incident and this may be shared with other selected companies to help process the claim. If other people are involved in the incident, we may also need to collect additional information about them which can include special categories of personal data (e.g. injury and health data).

In submitting an application to us, you may provide us with equivalent or substantially similar information relating to other proposed beneficiaries under the policy. You agree that you will bring this Privacy Notice to the attention of each beneficiary at the earliest possible opportunity.

Data protection laws require us to meet certain conditions before we are allowed to use your personal information in the manner described in this Privacy Notice. To use your personal information, we will rely on one or more of the following arounds:

- Performance of contract: We need to use your personal information in order to provide you with the policy (which is a contract of insurance between you and us), and perform our obligations under it (such as making payments to you in respect of a claim made under the policy).
- Consent: In certain circumstances, we may need your consent unless authorised by law in order to use personal information about you which is classed as "special categories of personal data".

For marketing, you will always be given a choice over the use of your data.

- Necessity to establish, exercise or defend legal claim:
   If you, or we, bring a legal claim (e.g. a court action)
   against the other, we may use your information in either
   establishing our position, or defending ourselves in relation
   to that legal claim.
- Compliance with a legal obligation: Where laws or regulations may require us to use your personal information in certain ways.
- Legitimate Interests: We will also process your personal information where this processing is in our "legitimate interests". When relying on this condition, we are required to carry out a balancing test of our interests in using your personal information (for example, carrying out market research), against the interests you have as a citizen and the rights you have under data protection laws. The outcome of this balancing test will determine whether we can use your personal information in the ways described in this Privacy Notice. We will always act reasonably and give full and proper consideration to your interests in carrying out this balancing test.

# Where else do we collect information about you?

Where possible, we'll collect your personal information directly from you. However, on occasion we may receive details about you from other people or companies. For example, this might happen if:

- It was given to us by someone who applied for an insurance product on your behalf (e.g. an insurance broker, a family member) where you have given them the permission to do so; or
- It was supplied to us when you purchased an insurance product or service that is provided by us in partnership with other companies; or
- It was lawfully collected from other sources (e.g. Motor Insurance Database, Claims and Underwriting Exchange or fraud prevention databases) to validate the information you have provided to us.

We request those third parties to comply with data protection laws and to be transparent about any such disclosures. If you would like some further information, please contact us.

# Will we share your personal information with anyone else?

We do not disclose your information outside of RSA except:

- Where we need to check the information you gave to us before we can offer you an insurance product (e.g. reference agencies);
- Where we are required or permitted to do so by law or relevant regulatory authority (e.g. financial crime screening, fraud detection/prevention);
- Where we provide insurance services in partnership with other companies (e.g. building societies, large retailers);
- In the event that we are bought or we sell any business or assets, in which case we will disclose your personal information to the prospective buyer of such business or assets;
- As required to enforce or apply this Privacy Notice, or the contract of insurance itself;
- · Within our group for administrative purposes;
- As required in order to give effect to contractual arrangements we have in place with any insurance broker and/or intermediary through which you have arranged this policy;
- With healthcare providers in the context of any relevant claim being made against your policy;
- If we appoint a third party to process and settle claims under the policy on our behalf, in which case we will make your personal information available to them for the purposes of processing and settling such claims;
- With our third party service providers (including hosting/ storage providers, research agencies, technology suppliers etc.);
- With our reinsurers (and brokers of reinsurers) in connection with the normal operation of our business;

Sometimes your personal information may be sent to other parties outside of the European Economic Area (EEA) in connection with the purposes set out above. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that your personal information is treated securely and in accordance with this Privacy Notice, and in doing so may rely on certain "transfer mechanisms" such as the EU-US Privacy Shield, and the standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission. If you would like further information please contact us.

# Which decisions made about you will be automated?

Before we can offer you an insurance product or service, we may need to conduct the following activities, which involve automated (computer based) decision-making:

- Pricing and Underwriting this process calculates the insurance risks based on the information that you have supplied. This will be used to calculate the premium you will have to pay.
- Credit Referencing using the information given, calculations are performed to evaluate your credit rating.
   This rating will help us to evaluate your ability to pay for the quoted products and services.
- Smart Sensor Data Analytics an insurance product that
  collects your information using smart sensors (e.g. in car
  black box) to calculate your insurance risk (e.g. driving
  score). This may then be used to determine your policy
  rewards (e.g. cash back for safe driving) and to calculate
  your policy renewal premium.
- Automated Claims some small claims may qualify for automated processing, which will check the information you provide, resulting in a settlement or rejection of your claim.

The results of these automated decision-making processes may limit the products and services we can offer you. If you do not agree with the result, you have the right to request that we perform a manual reassessment using the same information that you originally provided. If you wish to do so please contact us.

### For how long will we keep your information?

Your personal information will be retained under one or more of the following criteria:

- Where the personal information is used to provide you with the correct insurance cover, which will be kept as long as it is required to fulfil the conditions of the insurance contract.
- Where the use of your personal information for a specific purpose is based on your consent, it will be kept for as long as we continue to have your consent (e.g. we would stop contacting you for marketing purposes once you have asked us to).
- Where, for a limited period of time, we are using some of your information to improve the products or services we provide.
- For as long as your information is required to allow us to conduct fraud and/or criminal checks and investigations.

# Will you be contacted for marketing purposes?

If you have agreed, we might contact you by post, email, phone and text message to let you know about offers and services we think you'll like. The messages may be personalised using information you have previously provided us.

You can ask us to stop contacting you for marketing purposes at any point.

We will only contact you for marketing purposes if we collected your information directly, except when authorised and instructed by the third-party acting on your behalf.

We may use the information which we collect about you to show you relevant advertising on third-party websites (e.g. facebook, and Google). This could involve showing you an advertising message where through the use of cookies, we know you have browsed our products and services. If you don't want to be shown targeted advertising messages from us, you can change the advertising setting on some third-party sites and some browsers to block our adverts.

#### Your information is incorrect what should you do?

If you hold a product or service with us and think that the information we hold about you is incorrect or incomplete, please contact us and we will be happy to update it for you.

### How we use your Information (cont.)

# What are your rights over the information that is held by RSA?

We understand that your personal information is important to you, therefore you may request the following from us to:

- 1 Provide you with details about the personal information we hold about you, as well as a copy of the information itself in a commonly used format. [Request Ref: DSR 1]
- 2 Request your personal information be deleted where you believe it is no longer required. Please note however, we may not be able to comply with this request in full where, for example, you are still insured with us and the information is required to fulfil the conditions of the insurance contract. [Request Ref: DSR 2]
- 3 Request the electronic version of the personal information you have supplied to us, so it can be provided to another company. We would provide the information in a commonly used electronic format. [Request Ref: DSR 3]
- 4 Request to restrict the use of your information by us, under the following circumstances [Request Ref: DSR 4]:
  - a. If you believe that the information we hold about you is inaccurate, or;
  - If you believe that our processing activities are unlawful and you do not want your information to be deleted.
  - c. Where we no longer need to use your information for the purposes set out in this Privacy Notice, but it is required for the establishment, exercise or defence of a legal claim.
  - d. Where you have made an objection to us (in accordance with section 5 below), pending the outcome of any assessment we make regarding your objection.
- 5 Object to the processing of your data under the following circumstances [Request Ref: DSR 5]:
  - a. Where we believe it is in the public interest to use your information in a particular way, but you disagree.
  - b. Where we have told you we are using your data for our legitimate business interests and you believe we shouldn't be (e.g. you were in the background of a promotional video but you did not agree to be in it.) In each case under section 5 above, we will stop using your information unless we can reasonably demonstrate legitimate grounds for continuing to use it in the manner you are objecting to.

If you would like to request any of the above, please contact us and submit a written request, including the request reference (e.g. DSR 1), as this will speed up your request. To ensure that we do not disclose your personal information to someone who is not entitled to it, when you are making the request we may ask you to provide us with:

- · Your name;
- Address(es);
- · Date of birth;
- Any policy IDs or reference numbers that you have along with a copy of your photo identification.

All requests are free of charge, although for requests for the provision of personal information we hold about you (DSRI) we reserve the right to charge a reasonable administrative fee where, we believe an excessive number of requests are being made. Wherever possible, we will respond within one month from receipt of the request, but if we don't, we will notify you of anticipated timelines ahead of the one month deadline.

Please note that simply submitting a request doesn't necessarily mean we will be able to fulfil it in full on every occasion – we are sometimes bound by law which can prevent us fulfilling some requests in their entirety, but when this is the case we will explain this to you in our response.

#### **Our Privacy Notice**

If you have any queries regarding our Privacy Notice please contact us and we will be happy to discuss any query with you. Our Privacy Notice will be updated from time to time so please check it each time you submit personal information to us or renew your insurance policy.

# How you can contact us about this Privacy Notice?

If you have any questions or comments about this Privacy Notice please contact:

The Data Protection Officer RSA Bowling Mill Dean Clough Industrial Park Halifax HX3 5WA

You may also email us at crt.halifax@uk.rsagroup.com.

#### How you can lodge a complaint?

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal information, please send an email to crt. halifax@uk.rsagroup.com or write to us using the address provided. Our Data Protection Officer will investigate your complaint and will give you additional information about how it will be handled. We aim to respond in a reasonable time, normally 30 days.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are not processing your personal information in compliance with UK Data Protection laws, you may lodge a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, whose contact details are;

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 SAF

### Our commitment to you: our complaints procedure

At MORE THAN we are committed to going the extra mile for our customers. If you believe that we have not delivered the service you expected, we want to hear from you so that we can try to put things right.

#### Our promise to you

We will:

- · Acknowledge all complaints promptly
- · Investigate quickly and thoroughly
- · Keep you informed of progress
- Do everything possible to resolve your complaint
- Ensure you are clear on how to escalate your complaint, if necessary.

#### Step 1

If your complaint relates to your policy then please contact the sales and service number shown on your schedule. If your complaint relates to a claim then please call the claims helpline number shown in your policy booklet.

We aim to resolve your concerns on an informal basis, within three business days. Where we have been able to, we will send you a letter confirming this. We'll also explain how you may be able to refer the matter to the financial ombudsman service if you subsequently decide that you are unhappy with the outcome.

#### Step 2

In the unlikely event that we are unable to resolve your concerns through our informal complaints process, our Customer Relations Team will then review the matter on behalf of our Chief Executive. Once our Customer Relations Team have reviewed your complaint they will send you a final decision in writing within 8 weeks of the date we received your complaint.

Our Customer Relations Team's contact details are as follows:

Post: RSA Customer Relations Team

PO Box 255 Wymondham NR18 8DP

Email: crt.halifax@uk.rsagroup.com

#### If you are still not happy

If you are still unhappy after our Customer Relations Team's review, or you have not received a written offer of resolution within 8 weeks of the date we received your complaint, you may be eligible to refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service. The Financial Ombudsman Service is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints. They can be contacted at:

Post: Financial Ombudsman Service

**Exchange Tower** 

Harbour Exchange Square

London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 0234567

(free from mobile phones and landlines)

0300 1239123

(Costs no more than calls to 01 or 02 numbers)

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

You have six months from the date of our final response to refer your complaints to the Financial Ombudsman Service. This does not affect your right to take legal action, however, the Financial Ombudsman Service will not adjudicate on any

case where litigation has commenced.

#### Thank you for your feedback

We value your feedback and at the heart of our brand we remain dedicated to treating our customers as individuals and giving them the best possible service at all times. If we have fallen short of this promise, we apologise and aim to do everything possible to put things right.

# Ready to help you 24 hours a day – important telephone numbers

Whatever the problem, whatever the question, we're here to help. For your convenience, we have three Helplines to deal with everything from claims to legal advice. All the Helplines are free, and many of them are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And our Customer Service Line can help with all other enquiries.

#### Customer Service Line 0330 102 3627

If your circumstances change and you need to update your cover or you have a query, just call the Customer Service Line.

Lines open Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 8am-4pm.

#### Claims Helpline 0330 100 7783

If you need to make a claim or enquire about an existing claim, just pick up the phone and call our free Claims Helpline.

Lines open Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-5pm.

#### Emergency Repair Helpline 0800 300 684

If crisis strikes, like your pipes freeze and burst or a storm damages your roof, just call our Emergency Repair Helpline day or night, any day of the year. We'll arrange for one of our Emergency repairers to come round and help sort things out. Lines open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If your call relates to a claim under our Home Emergency cover policy, please call the helpline number shown on the back of your MORE THAN Home Emergency cover policy booklet.

#### Legal Helpline 0800 300 688

For free confidential advice on personal or domestic legal matters.

Lines open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### Calling from abroad +44 330 102 3629

Lines open Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 8am-4pm.



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