

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions, the Property definitions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

Special definitions for this section

Contents

The contents of **your business premises** used in connection with the **business** which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible, including:

- a. computers;
- b. stock;
- c. works of art or precious metals;
- d. tenants improvements, decorations, fixtures and fittings and general contents including, if attached to the building, external signs, aerials and satellite dishes;
- e. pipes, ducting, cables, wires and associated control equipment within the **business premises** and extending to the public mains.

The following are not included within this definition:

- fixed glass in windows, doors and fanlights, glass showcases, glass shelves, mirrors and sanitary fixtures and fittings;
- 2. buildings;
- 3. land and water;
- money;
- personal effects;
- employees' cycles;
- 7. motorised vehicles, caravans, trailers and their accessories;
- 8. watercraft and their accessories; or
- 9. aircraft and their accessories.

Employees' cycles

Cycles and cycle accessories owned by **your** partners, directors, employees and volunteers or for which such persons are legally responsible.

Money

Cash, bank and currency notes, cheques, travellers' cheques, postal orders, money orders, crossed bankers' drafts, current postage stamps, savings stamps and certificates, National Insurance stamps, trading stamps, gift tokens, customer redemption vouchers, company sales vouchers, credit card counterfoils, travellers' tickets, VAT purchase receipts, contents of franking machines and, insofar as they are not otherwise insured, holiday-with-pay stamps and luncheon vouchers, all belonging to **you**.

Peak trading period

The period of 90 consecutive days which historically was the trading period with the highest gross income from **your** retail activities or, if this is **your** first year trading, the period of 90 consecutive days which **you** have estimated will be the trading period with the highest gross income from **your** retail activities.

Personal effects

Articles worn, used or carried about the person by **your** partners, directors, employees and volunteers, excluding cash, bank and currency notes and jewellery.

Rent payable

Rent for the **business premises** that **you** must legally pay whilst the **business premises** or any part of it is unusable as a result of **damage** insured by this section.

Stock

Stock, samples, merchandise goods and goods held in trust including customers' goods for which **you** are legally responsible.

What is covered

We will insure you against damage occurring during the period of insurance to contents contained in the business premises and any other items specified in the schedule.



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Additional cover

The following are also provided up to the amount shown in the schedule:

Glass

damage occurring during the period of insurance to any fixed glass in windows, doors and fanlights, glass showcases, glass shelves, mirrors and sanitary fixtures and fittings contained in the business premises, which belongs to you or for which you are legally responsible.

Costs following glass breakage

- the necessary and reasonable costs you incur following breakage or scratching during 2. the period of insurance of glass, which belongs to you or for which you are legally responsible, for:
 - a. temporary boarding-up;
 - b. repair of window frames or removal or replacement of fixtures and fittings in the course of replacing the glass;
 - replacement lettering or other ornamental work and alarm foil on glass.

Additions to contents

damage occurring during the period of insurance to any additional contents, provided you tell us the additional values as soon as possible and pay the appropriate premium.

Money

- damage occurring during the period of insurance to money held in connection with the business:
 - a. in the **business premises** while open for business or in a locked safe;
 - in the **business premises** while not open for business and not in a locked safe; b.
 - in transit within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland or whilst at the home of any partner, director, employee or volunteer of yours in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland: or
 - d. at all other times within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.

- the following reasonable and necessary expenses you have to pay solely as a direct 5. result of an identity fraud occurring during the period of insurance:
 - solicitor's fees to defend a claim against you by financial institutions, to remove incorrect judgments, to challenge a credit rating or to witness your signature;
 - the cost of sending letters by certified post and making telephone calls to the police, h. financial institutions and credit agencies; or
 - fees charged when you re-apply for a commercial loan that was originally rejected.

Personal effects

damage occurring within a building of standard construction at the business premises during the period of insurance to personal effects provided they are not insured elsewhere.

Employees' cycles

7. damage occurring within a building of standard construction at the business premises during the period of insurance to employees' cycles provided they are not

Reconstitution of electronic data

8. the reasonable cost of reconstitution of data as a direct result of damage covered under this section.

Reconstitution of other business documents

the reasonable costs of replacing or reconstituting your business documents that are not held electronically and which you need to continue your business, if such documents have been lost or destroyed as a direct result of damage covered under this section.

Lock replacement

10. the costs you incur to replace locks and keys necessary to maintain the security of your business premises or safes following theft of keys involving force and violence occurring during the period of insurance.

Building damage by theft

11. the cost of repairing damage occurring during the period of insurance to the buildings caused by theft or attempted theft and for which you are legally liable.

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Personal assault following robbery or attempted robbery

12. compensation as shown in the schedule if any partner, director, employee or volunteer of yours is physically injured in the course of your business in a robbery or attempted robbery occurring during the period of insurance either at the business premises or within the geographical limits and dies or is permanently disabled solely and directly as a result of the injury within two years from the date it happened. This cover only applies to people aged between 16 and 70 at the start of the period of insurance.

Metered water and fuel

13. the cost that you incur for any metered water and fuel used at the business premises when such water or fuel has been accidentally released or rendered unusable for its intended purpose as a direct result of damage occurring during the period of insurance to any storage tank, equipment or piping resulting from a cause not otherwise excluded.

Refrigerated stock

- 14. the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses **you** incur to replace spoiled refrigerated **stock** stored in a refrigeration unit at the **business premises** caused by:
 - a fault in the refrigeration unit;
 - b. escape of refrigerant; or
 - failure of the public supply of electricity or gas, unless the failure is as a result of a
 deliberate act of the supply authority to withhold or restrict supply,

occurring during the **period of insurance**, provided that the refrigeration unit is:

- i. less than five years old at the date of loss; or
- ii. maintained under annual contract by a suitably qualified refrigeration engineer.

Extinguisher and alarm re-setting expenses

15. the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses you incur in order to refill fire extinguishing appliances and reset the fire or intruder alarm system following damage covered under this section.

Display contents

16. damage occurring during the period of insurance to contents on display outside the business premises whilst open for business provided that the contents are securely attached to a fixed object.

Stock in your customers' or prospective customers' care

- 17. damage occurring during the period of insurance to stock while within in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland, in the care of a customer or prospective customer provided that you:
 - a. inspect the customer's or prospective customer's proof of identity, this may be either a valid passport or a photographic driving licence; and
 - b. retain the customer's or prospective customer's credit or debit card for the duration of the hire or loan or obtain an electronic swipe of the person's credit or debit card.

We will not make any payment for **stock** while in the care of a customer or prospective customer:

- i. unless you have complied with a. and b. above; or.
- ii. once the customer has purchased the item

Undamaged tenant's improvements

18. tenant's improvements if your lease is cancelled by the lessor as a consequence of damage occurring during the period of insurance to the business premises, provided the cancellation is a valid condition of your lease and tenant's improvements are an insured item under this policy.

Property elsewhere

- 19. damage occurring during the period of insurance to:
 - a. stock: and
 - all other contents, excluding laptops, mobile phones, television and video equipment, tools and other portable equipment,

temporarily elsewhere in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland, including whilst in transit.

Property kept at home

- 20. damage occurring during the period of insurance to:
 - a. stock; and
 - b. all other contents;



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used and kept at the home of any partner, director, employee or volunteer of **yours** for the purposes of the **business**, provided the home is in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for:

- damage caused by:
 - wear and tear, inherent defect, rot, fungus, mould, vermin or infestation, or any gradually operating cause;
 - dryness or humidity, being exposed to light or extreme temperatures, unless the damage is caused by storm or fire. This does not apply to the cover for refrigerated stock;
 - c. coastal or river erosion;
 - d. a rise in the water table;
 - e. theft from an unattended vehicle unless the item is out of sight in a locked boot or locked storage compartment;
 - f. frost, other than **damage** due to water leaking from burst pipes forming part of the permanent internal plumbing provided the **business premises** are occupied and in use:
 - g. date recognition;
 - h. a virus or hacker.
- 2. damage to property being cleaned, worked on or maintained.
- 3. damage to contents or money while in the custody of;
 - a. a courier or postal service; or
 - b. air or sea operators or their agents.
- damage to any computers, equipment, oil or water storage tanks or electrical or mechanical plant or equipment directly resulting from its own failure.
- 5. loss or distortion of information resulting from error or malfunction of **computers**.
- 6. the value to **you** of any lost or distorted information.
- misuse, inadequate or inappropriate maintenance, faulty workmanship, defective design or the use of faulty materials.
- unexplained loss or disappearance or inventory shortage.
- 9. loss due to clerical or accounting errors.
- 10. loss by fraud or dishonesty of any partner, director, employee or volunteer of **yours**, unless the loss is notified to **us** within ten working days of its discovery by **you**.
- financial loss due to your parting with title or possession of property or rights to property prior to receiving payment in full.
- 12. any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused you to claim.
- 13. pollution or contamination except damage to insured property which is not otherwise excluded and which is caused by:
 - a. pollution or contamination which itself results from insured damage covered under this section; or
 - b. **damage** which would otherwise be covered under this section which itself was caused by pollution or contamination.
- a. damage directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with terrorism or any action taken to control, prevent or respond to terrorism;
 - b. damage in Northern Ireland directly or indirectly caused by civil commotion.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of this exclusion, it will be for **you** to show that the exclusion does not apply.

- 15. war, confiscation and nuclear risks.
- 16. The amount of the excess



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 any damage or loss directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any communicable disease or the fear or threat of any communicable disease.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the amount insured shown in the schedule unless limited below or in the schedule.

Repair and replacement

At our option **we** will repair, replace or pay for any lost or damaged items on the following basis:

- for contents, other than stock, personal effects or employees' cycles, the cost of repair or replacement as new;
- for stock other than second hand stock, stock sold but not delivered or goods held in trust, the cost of repair or replacement at the cost price to you;
- for second hand stock, other than stock sold but not delivered or goods held in trust, the cost of repair or replacement at the trade market value;
- 4. for **stock** which has been sold but not delivered, the agreed contract price;
- 5. for goods held in trust, the lesser of:
 - i. your liability in respect of the goods held in trust; or
 - ii. the cost of repair or replacement at the trade market value of such goods;
- for personal effects, the cost of repair or replacement as new, but not more than the amount shown in the schedule for each incident of loss:
- 7. for **employees**' **cycles**, the cost of repair or replacement as new, but not more than the amount shown in the schedule for each incident of loss.

Debris removal

We will pay the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses you incur to remove debris of contents from the premises or the area immediately adjacent, following damage insured by this section.

Under insurance

If, at the time of **damage**, the **amount insured** is less than 85% of the total value of the **contents**, the amount **we** pay will be reduced in the same proportion as the under insurance.

Seasonal increase

The amount insured for stock will be increased by 30% during your peak trading period.

Index linking

The **amount insured** for **contents** will be adjusted monthly in line with any increase in nationally published indices. **We** will not reduce the **amount insured** without **your** consent.

Personal assault following robbery or attempted robbery

We will not pay compensation under more than one heading in the schedule for the same injury.

Pairs and sets

If any **contents** which have an increased value because they form part of a pair or set suffer **damage** any payment **we** make will take account of the increased value.

Other interests

Any payment **we** make will take into account the interest of any party having an insurable interest in the **contents** insured, provided **you** have advised **us** of the nature and extent of the interest together with the name and address of that interested party.

Special limits

Fraud and dishonesty of any partner, director or employee

The most **we** will pay for all losses occurring during the **period of insurance** arising from the fraud or dishonesty of any partner, director, employee or volunteer of **yours** is the amount shown in the schedule.



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Your obligations

If any damage occurs

We will not make any payment under this section unless you notify us promptly of any damage which might be covered.

You must report to the police or An Garda Síochána, as soon as reasonably possible, any **damage** arising from theft, arson, malicious damage, riot or civil commotion and obtain a crime reference from them.

You must arrange for urgent repairs to be done immediately. Before any other repair work begins **we** have the right to inspect the damaged **property**. **We** will tell **you** if **we** want to do this.

Backing up electronic data

We will not make any payment for the costs of **reconstitution of data** unless **you** take all reasonable steps to make back-up copies of all such data at least once a week and keep the copies away from the **business premises**.

Protections

We will not make any payment under this section unless all fire alarms, security systems and physical protections notified to **us** are in full operation whenever the **business premises** is left unattended. **You** must also advise **us** as soon as reasonably possible if for any reason a system is not working properly. **We** may then vary the terms and conditions of this **policy**. All systems must be regularly serviced under contract by a reputable company at least annually.

Unoccupancy

You must tell us immediately if the business premises, including any self-contained areas of the buildings, will be left unoccupied or will not be used for more than 30 consecutive days. If you do not, we will not make any payment for damage occurring while the buildings are unoccupied. We may change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional requirements that you must carry out. If we impose additional requirements we will tell you the timeframes within which you must carry them out.

Building works

If you intend to undertake any work to extend, renovate, build or demolish any part of the **buildings** and the estimated cost is more than £75,000 or, in the Republic of Ireland, is more than €100,000, **you** must tell **us** about the work at least 30 days before the work starts and before **you** enter into any contract for the works. **We** may then amend the terms of this **policy**. If **you** do not tell **us** about such work, **we** may not pay for any **damage** directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from the building works.

You do not have to tell us if the work is for redecoration only.