

Low Cost Home Contents Insurance

We remind all our tenants to take-out household contents insurance.

You can do this either through this scheme, arranged by Wakefield and District Housing (WDH), or by making your own private arrangements.

Many tenants believe that WDH automatically insure their furniture, belongings and decorations against fire, theft, vandalism or water damage such as burst pipes. **This is not the case.**

Unfortunately, some tenants only realise this after the damage has been done. WDH has made it easy for you to insure your belongings under a special Household Contents Insurance Scheme. The insurance is arranged with Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc and is only available to WDH tenants.

Weekly payment with your rent

The cost of insurance is payable weekly and premiums can be paid when you pay your rent. To work out your weekly payment, refer to the table on the next page.

What is covered?

Most of your household goods and contents including pedal cycles and computer equipment are insured when in your home.

They are covered against loss or damage caused by specific events such as theft, fire and flood. Also insured are lost or stolen keys, freezer contents and your own legal liability to the public and cost of alternative accommodation.

COST OF INSURANCE

	SUM INSURED	STANDARD COVER		STANDARD COVER including Accidental Damage and Personal Belongings	
		WEEKLY COST Tenants aged 60 or over	WEEKLY COST All other tenants	WEEKLY COST Tenants aged 60 or over	WEEKLY COST All other tenants
Tenants aged 60 or over	£7,000	£0.70	N/A	£1.11	N/A
Available for one bedroom properties or tenants aged 60 or over	£8,500	£0.85	£1.05	£1.35	£1.67
	£9,000	£0.90	£1.12	£1.43	£1.77
	£10,000	£1.00	£1.24	£1.59	£1.97
	£11,000	£1.10	£1.36	£1.75	£2.17
	£12,000	£1.20	£1.49	£1.91	£2.37
All other properties or tenants	£13,000	£1.30	£1.61	£2.07	£2.56
	£14,000	£1.40	£1.74	£2.24	£2.76
	£15,000	£1.50	£1.86	£2.39	£2.96
	£16,000	£1.60	£1.98	£2.54	£3.15
	£17,000	£1.70	£2.11	£2.71	£3.36
	£18,000	£1.80	£2.23	£2.86	£3.55
	£19,000	£1.90	£2.36	£3.02	£3.74
	£20,000	£2.00	£2.48	£3.18	£3.94
	£21,000	£2.10	£2.60	£3.34	£4.14
	£22,000	£2.20	£2.73	£3.50	£4.33
	£23,000	£2.30	£2.85	£3.66	£4.53
	£24,000	£2.40	£2.98	£3.82	£4.73
	£25,000	£2.50	£3.10	£3.98	£4.93
	£26,000	£2.60	£3.22	£4.13	£5.12
	£27,000	£2.70	£3.35	£4.29	£5.32
£28,000	£2.80	£3.47	£4.45	£5.52	
£29,000	£2.90	£3.60	£4.61	£5.71	
£30,000	£3.00	£3.72	£4.77	£5.91	

All premiums are inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate.
 Premiums are payable over 48 weeks alongside your rent.
 NB: Insurance Premiums do not qualify for Housing Benefit.

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Some Accidental Damage and Personal Belongings cover is provided automatically by this policy as shown in the Summary of Cover on the back page. However you can choose to add the full Accidental Damage and Personal Belongings option to your policy for payment of an additional premium.

A summary of cover is included and full details are available on request.

Please note the policy does not cover maintenance, wear and tear, anything which happens gradually, electrical, mechanical or electronic breakdown, rot, radioactive, contamination, sonic bangs, pollution or contamination, date change and computer virus, war risks and terrorism. If you leave your home unoccupied for more than 30 days in a row, lend your home, receive paying guests into your home, use your home or its contents for trade, professional or business purposes, some covers will be restricted or will not apply. You should read your policy carefully. Make sure it meets your needs.

“New-for-old” insurance

The policy insures your contents other than clothing and household linen on a ‘new-for-old’ basis, meaning they would be replaced as new if destroyed by an event insured by the policy. You do however have a duty to maintain your household contents and personal belongings in sound condition and good repair. Therefore you should add up the value of all items at their current replacement cost, less an allowance for wear and tear for clothing and household linen.

It is important not to undervalue your contents otherwise the insurer will not pay the full value of your claim.

Special, low, minimum sums insured

The lowest amount that can be insured is

- £7,000 for tenants aged 60 or over.
- £8,500 for one bedroomed properties or tenants aged 60 or over.
- £13,000 for all other properties and tenants.

How to apply

- 1 Complete the application form, making sure you answer all the questions - if you are not sure about anything please ask us for help.
- 2 Check your total sum insured figure is adequate.
- 3 Supply any additional information required.
- 4 Read the Declaration and sign at the bottom of the application form.
- 5 For general enquiries, please call 0845 6 718 172.
For payment enquiries, please call OneCALL 0845 8 507 507.
- 6 Post or hand the completed form to your **local Service Access Point**.

For your protection telephone calls may be recorded or monitored.

PLEASE NOTE: You must state all material facts relevant to your home insurance. If you are unsure whether a particular fact is material, include it anyway.

Keeping up the payments

- To ensure that you are always covered, you must keep all your payments up-to-date.
- Failure to keep up payments could affect claim settlement and may lead to the cancellation of your insurance.

Start Date

Insurance does not start until you have been accepted onto the scheme. You will be notified of details of your insurance payments and the date when you should start paying. To make sure you are always covered, you must keep up your payments.

Your right to cancel the policy

If having examined the policy you decide not to proceed with the insurance, you will have 14 days to cancel it starting on the day you receive the policy documentation. When we receive your written notice we will refund any premiums paid, unless we have already been notified of a claim.

SUMMARY OF COVER

Loss or damage to contents while in your home by:

- 1 Fire, explosion, lightning, earthquake.
- 2 Water or oil escaping from any fixed water or heating installation or domestic appliance.
- 3 The building being hit by an aircraft, flying object or anything falling from them, or by a vehicle, train or animal.
- 4 Falling trees or branches.
- 5 Riot, civil commotion, strikes, labour or political disturbances.
- 6 Malicious people or vandals.
- 7 Storm or flood.
- 8 Theft or attempted theft.

Cover also includes:

- 1 Rent or other accommodation if your home cannot be lived in due to specified causes including the cost of kennel accommodation for domestic pets.
- 2 Temporary removal of your contents.
- 3 Accidental damage to televisions, video players and recorders, hi-fi systems, satellite decoders, DVD players and computer equipment, fixed aerials, masts and satellite dishes. Accidental breakage of mirrors, ceramic hobs in cookers and fixed glass in furniture.
- 4 Deep freezer contents.
- 5 Tenant's liability and third party liability.
- 6 Accidental Death.
- 7 Loss of metered water and oil.
- 8 Temporary increase in Sum Insured.
- 9 Lost or stolen keys.
- 10 Replacing lost or damaged documents.
- 11 Theft of money by bogus officials.
- 12 Contents in the open.
- 13 Students Possessions.
- 14 Accidental damage to contents is limited to that shown under Contents Limits on the next page, Unless the full Accidental Damage cover option is chosen.

Cover Limits

- 1a 1/3rd of the sum insured for pictures, works of art, binoculars, cameras and equipment, collection of coins, medals or stamps, jewellery, watches, clocks and furs and 1/3rd of the sum insured for any other property made of precious metal. Subject to a single article limit of £1250. Tenants improvements – 20% in all of the **sum insured** on contents
- 1b £500 on Money and credit cards.
- 1c Audio or visual discs, tapes or cassettes of any kind including computer software - £750 in all.
- 2 Cost of replacing locks to external doors up to £500 following loss or theft of keys.
- 3 Damage to interior decorations by specified causes – fixed allowance of £100 per bedroom, £150 each other room.
- 4 Tenants legal liability - up to 20% of the contents sum insured
- 5 Cost of alternative accommodation including the cost of kennel accommodation for domestic pets - up to 20% of the sum insured.
- 6 Personal and occupiers liability to third parties – up to £2.5 million.
- 7 Liability to domestic employees – up to £5 million.
- 8 Theft from domestic outbuildings and garages – up to £2,000.
- 9 Loss of metered water and oil – up to £1,000.
- 10 Temporary increase in sum insured - up to 10% of contents sum insured.
- 11 Accidental damage to televisions, video players and recorders, hi-fi systems, satellite decoders, DVD players and computer equipment, fixed aerials, masts and satellite dishes. Accidental breakage of mirrors, ceramic hobs in cookers and fixed glass in furniture – no limit except satellite dishes up to £250.
- 12 Cost of replacing documents – up to £200.
- 13 Accidental death – £5,000.
- 14 Theft of money by bogus officials – up to £200.
- 15 Loss of or damage in specified circumstances including theft, fire and flood to your contents while in the open – up to £250.
- 16 Loss of or damage to contents which belong to or are the legal responsibility of students while temporarily removed from your home – £2000.

Optional Extensions

1 Accidental damage Extension to the contents:

Accidental damage to your contents in your home, excluding damage to contact lenses, food, drink, plants, clothing, sporting equipment whilst in use and damage as a result of household removals.

2. Personal Belongings:

Up to £1000 cover available for personal belongings, pedal cycles and sports equipment whilst in the British Isles and temporarily elsewhere in Europe up to a maximum of 14 days.

This is a brief summary of cover. There are conditions and exclusions in the policy wording, a copy of which will be provided on request.

DO-IT-YOURSELF VALUATION OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS

Most people find that their household contents are worth more than they think. Please use this page to help value the contents of your property.

Hint: Don't forget to include items such as clothing, furniture, floor coverings, curtains.

Room/Items	Value		Value
Items in downstairs room(s)		Items in kitchen	
	£		£
Items in bedroom(s)		Items in other rooms	
	£		£

Please round this up to the next £1000 and enter this figure on the application form and keep this sheet for future reference.

Total £

We are committed to providing equal access to information. If you would like this information in another language or format, please phone us on 0845 8 507 507.

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Is this a new application?

Is this a change? If so give details

Please use block letters and tick correct boxes where appropriate.

A copy of the completed application form is available on request but you should keep a record of all information supplied to us for the purpose of entering into this contract. A specimen policy is available on request.

The questions on the form relate to facts considered material to underwriting the insurance. If you answer them fully and honestly you will be considered to have fulfilled your duty to disclose material facts. Failure to do so may invalidate your insurance. If you are in any doubt, please advise us. Remember to sign and date the Declaration at the end of the form. If there is insufficient space for your response, please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

1 Name of Applicant/Tenant(s)/Co-habitees (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Joint Tenant(s) and co-habitees must both sign this form otherwise cover for them will not be in force.

2 Address of the home to be insured _____

Postcode _____

3 If main applicant is aged 60 or over or in receipt of state pension, please tick box

4 Does the property have one bedroom, if so please tick box

5 Date of Birth

6 Precise Occupation(s)

7 Rent reference number

8 Telephone number

9 Amount of insurance cover required to the nearest £1,000

a Home Contents (note minimum amounts) £ _____
Total Amount to be Insured £ _____

10 Do you require the Accidental Damage and Personal Belongings option (see cost of insurance table)

11 Date when you want insurance to start

Whenever we ask questions on the Application Form about your household, we mean You and Your family (including your partner and all children) who normally live with you and any person(s) named as a joint tenant or co-habitee.

	YES	NO
12 Have you or any member of your household who normally live with you at your current address or elsewhere:		
a. been refused insurance or had special terms or conditions imposed by an insurer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. had insurance under the Council's scheme cancelled?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. been convicted of any offence other than parking or speeding offences or offences which are spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. made a claim to any insurer in the last five years in respect of household contents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. suffered loss or damage while not insured which WOULD have resulted in a claim if a household contents policy had been in force at the time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO QUESTIONS 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d OR 12e, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND STATE QUESTION NUMBER.

It is important that the Sum Insured is sufficient to replace ALL household goods and personal belongings. If the Sum Insured is inadequate you will have to bear a proportion of any claim.

Please sign the Declaration overleaf and return this form to your local Service Access Point

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Claims and Underwriting Exchange

Insurers pass information to the Claims and Underwriting Exchange Register, run by Insurance Database Services Ltd (IDS Ltd). The aim is to help us to check information provided and also to prevent fraudulent claims. When we deal with your request for insurance, we may search the register. When you tell us about an incident (such as fire, water damage or theft) which may or may not give rise to a claim, we will pass information relating to it to the register.

You can ask us for more information about this.

You should show this notice to anyone who has an interest in property insured under the policy.

Law Applicable to the Contract

UK Law allows the parties to this contract a choice of the Law applicable to the contract. This contract is governed by the Law of Scotland if you live in Scotland and English Law if you live elsewhere in the UK except as specified to the contrary elsewhere in your policy.

Policies are underwritten by Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc in the United Kingdom.

Complaints Procedure

We have a complaints procedure in place, both with an independent facility and in-house. For further details please refer to your policy document.

You will receive your policy documents soon. If you have any queries before you have received the details please feel free to call us and we will be pleased to help you. You have the right to take your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Data Protection

All personal information supplied by you will be treated in confidence by the Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group of companies and will not be disclosed to any third parties except where your consent has been received or where permitted by law. In order to provide you with products and services this information will be held in the data system of the Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group of companies or our agents or subcontractors.

The Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group of companies may pass your personal data to other companies for processing on its behalf. Some of these companies may be based outside Europe in countries which may not have laws to protect your personal data, but in all cases the Group will ensure that it is kept securely and only used for the purposes for which you provided it. Details of the companies and countries involved can be provided to you on request.

Declaration

Important Note: Before you sign this form, please read it again making sure all questions are answered in full. Check that the answers which have been given are correct. Once you and any joint applicant sign this form you are responsible for its accuracy. To give false information knowingly in answer to any of the questions in order to obtain insurance or to obtain a reduced premium could be a criminal offence and will certainly invalidate your insurance.

I/We declare that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief the statements made by me/us or on my/our behalf are true and complete.

I/We consent to the searching of information from other insurers to check the answers I/we have provided and I/we authorise the giving of information for such purposes.

I/We understand that you will pass the information on this form and about any incident I/we may give details of to IDS Ltd so that they can make it available to other insurers. I/We also understand that, in response to any searches you may make in connection with this application or any incident I/we have given details of, IDS Ltd may pass you information it has received from other insurers about other incidents involving anyone insured under the policy.

Signature of Applicant

Date

(Joint tenants or co-habitees must sign) PLEASE INITIAL ANY ALTERATIONS ON THIS APPLICATION FORM

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