Park Home Insurance

Policy Document



ABOUT THIS PARK HOME INSURANCE POLICY

Thank you for entrusting this insurance to Mark Bates Ltd. We manage this insurance on behalf of the insurer and act as its agent in performing duties under that agreement.

Mark Bates Ltd Premier House Londonthorpe Road Grantham Lincs NG31 9SN Tel: 01476 513781 Fax: 01476 591543 Email: enquiries@markbatesltd.com

Mark Bates Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Registered Number 308390

Policy document and disputes

Please read this policy and your schedule carefully and refer any queries to us. We will be happy to advise and take any action.

If, however, there is a dispute that cannot be resolved, you are entitled to refer the matter as described under the heading "COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE" on page 3.

The cover included

This policy is divided into a number of sections. To find which sections are in force, you should check your schedule which is enclosed with this policy. Your schedule also tells you how much you are insured for.

How much to insure for

It is up to you to make sure that the amount you insure for represents the full value of the property concerned.

For park homes, this should represent the full cost of replacing your park home, including any outbuildings or garages, together with all the property described in the definition of park home on page 7 of this policy. In addition, you should include an allowance for re-siting and delivery, complying with government or local authority requirements, architects, engineers, surveyors and other professional fees and clearing debris, demolition, shoring or propping.

For contents, this should represent the cost of replacing the property as new.

REMEMBER - if you do not insure for the full value of your property the amount of any claim you make may be reduced.

Changes in your circumstances

This policy has been based on the information you have given us about yourself and your park home and your occupation. You must tell us immediately of any changes to this information, including if you add to the value of your property. You can change amounts insured at any time. You do not have to wait for renewal. You must also tell us if you, or any other persons living with you, are convicted of any offence (other than driving offences) or are declared bankrupt. If there is any change of circumstances the insurer may revise the terms and conditions of this policy with effect from the date of change.

REMEMBER - failure to notify us of changes may affect any claim you make.

How to make a claim

First, please read this policy and your schedule to check that you are covered, then the claims notification procedure on page 12 of this policy. You should then ask us for a claim form on which you should provide as much information as possible to ensure that your claim can be dealt with quickly by all concerned.

REMEMBER - do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.

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COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Please refer to page 42 of this policy if your complaint is in respect of the insurance provided by Section 6 Home emergency of this policy.

It is always our intention to provide **you** with a first class standard of service. Misunderstandings can, however, occur and we would prefer to know about the occasional problem than for **you** to remain dissatisfied.

Any communication with us can be made orally or in writing and on **your** behalf by a third party with **your** permission.

If a problem has arisen in connection with this policy that has not been resolved to **your** satisfaction and **you** wish to make a complaint, **you** should firstly discuss this with

The Compliance Officer Mark Bates Ltd Premier House Londonthorpe Road Grantham Lincs NG31 9SN

Tel: 01476 593887 Email: complaints@markbatesltd.com

If you remain dissatisfied you may refer the matter to the insurer by contacting

The Compliance Officer

China Taiping Insurance (UK) Company Limited 2 Finch Lane London EC3V 3NA Tel: 0207 839 1888 Fax: 0207 621 1202 E-mail: compliance@uk.cntaiping.com

The Compliance Officer will acknowledge the complaint within five business days and advise **you** of the person who will be dealing with the complaint and when **you** can expect to receive a detailed response. The person dealing with the complaint will be a senior member of staff who was not directly involved in the matter which is the subject of the complaint. They will have the authority and experience to adequately address the complaint and explain the results of the investigation.

If your complaint should be more appropriately dealt with by another firm, the insurer will ensure it is referred to them as soon as practicable and certainly no later than five business days of becoming satisfied that another firm is or may be responsible for the matters complained of. The insurer will make this referral to the other firm in writing and advise you by way of a final response that the referral has been made and include the other firm's contact details.

Your complaint will be thoroughly investigated and **the insurer** will respond to it as soon as possible. Within twenty business days **the insurer** will provide a detailed response to **your** complaint in writing or, if it is not possible to respond within that time, **the insurer** will inform **you** in writing within twenty business days why it has been unable to resolve the complaint within that time, why it needs more time to do so and when **you** can expect to receive its final response.

If **the insurer** has not completed its investigation within eight weeks after the complaint was made, it will write to **you** and explain why there is a further delay. **The insurer** will also confirm when it expects to issue its final response and advise **you** that **you** may be eligible to refer the complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service if **you** are dissatisfied with the delay. Its contact details are:

Financial Ombudsman Service

Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9SR Tel: 0800 023 4567 from landlines or 0300 123 9123 from mobile phones Fax: 020 7964 1001

E-mail: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Where **you** are eligible to refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service **you** have this right to do so free of charge, but **you** must do so within six months of the date of **the insurer's** final response. If **you** do not refer **your** complaint in time, the Ombudsman will not have **the insurer's** permission to consider **your** complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if it believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances.

The European Commission has an online dispute resolution service for consumers who have a complaint about a product or service bought online. If **you** choose to submit **your** complaint this way it will be forwarded to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Alternatively, **you** can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service directly.

Visit https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/odr/main/index.cfm?event=main.home.show&lng=EN to access the Online Dispute Resolution Service.

Please quote our e-mail address: compliance@uk.cntaiping.com

AGREEMENT

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Agreement between you and the insurer

The insurer will pay for any damage, legal liability, costs, expenses, benefits or assistance described in this policy arising from events happening during the **period of insurance** for which it has accepted a premium.

The insurer has relied on the information supplied by **you** in connection with this insurance to enable it to form the contract of insurance between **you** and **the insurer**.

This policy should be read together with the **schedule**.

INFORMATION YOU HAVE GIVEN US

In deciding to accept this policy and in setting the terms and premium, **the insurer** has relied upon the information **you** have provided. **You** must take care when answering any questions relating to this insurance by ensuring that all information provided is accurate and complete.

If **the insurer** establishes that **you** deliberately or recklessly provided false or misleading information **the insurer** will treat this policy as if it never existed and refuse to pay all claims. **You** must repay any payments **the insurer** has already made under this policy and **the insurer** will not return the premium to **you**.

If **the insurer** establishes that **you** acted carelessly when providing **the insurer** with **your** information, such carelessness could adversely affect this policy and any claim. For example, **the insurer** may

- treat this policy as if it had never existed and refuse to pay all claims and return the
 premium paid. The insurer will only do this if it provided you with insurance cover
 which it would not otherwise have offered;
- amend the terms of your insurance. The insurer may apply these amended terms
 as if they were already in place if a claim has been adversely impacted by your
 carelessness;
- reduce the amount it pays on a claim in the proportion the premium you have paid bears to the premium it would have charged you; or
- cancel your policy in accordance with the Cancellation condition of this policy.

You will be written to if the insurer

- intends to treat this policy as if it never existed; or
- needs to amend the terms of this policy.

If **you** become aware that information **you** have provided is inaccurate, **you** must inform Mark Bates Ltd as soon as practicable.

Mark Bates Ltd Premier House Londonthorpe Road Grantham Lincs NG31 9SN

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DEFINITIONS APPLYING TO THE WHOLE POLICY

Definitions are set out below and any word or phrase that has a definition is printed throughout this policy in bold type.

Accidental damage

Damage caused suddenly, unexpectedly and accidentally.

Computer Virus

A corrupting instruction that propagates itself via a computer system or network.

Contents

Household goods, personal property, **money**, **credit cards**, **valuables**, portable disability aids, adaptations and equipment, satellite dishes and receiving aerials and their fittings and masts, all belonging to **you** or for which **you** are responsible and contained in, or fixed to, the **home**, or in the open within the boundaries of the **plot**.

The term **contents** does not include property primarily held for professional or business purposes, electrically or mechanically powered vehicles, (other than domestic gardening machines and battery assisted pedal cycles), aircraft, boats, boards and craft designed to be used on or in water, caravans, trailers, trailer tents and their parts and accessories, any prosthesis, any living creature or property more specifically insured by this or any other policy.

Credit cards

Credit, cheque, debit, charge, bankers' and cash dispenser cards belonging to **you** and used for personal, domestic or social purposes only.

Damage

Loss or damage.

Electronic data

Facts, concepts and information converted to a form useable for communications, interpretation or processing by electronic and electro-mechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment and include programs, software and other coded instructions for the processing and manipulation of data or the direction and manipulation of such equipment.

Excess

First part of any claim which you must pay.

Home

Structure of the **park home** as described in the **schedule** used as **your** private dwelling and any outbuildings, garages or sheds at the address shown in the **schedule**.

Money

Cash, currency, bank notes, cheques, postal or money orders, savings stamps and certificates, premium bonds, gift tokens, luncheon vouchers, trading stamps, travellers cheques, travel tickets and current postage stamps belonging to **you** and held for personal, domestic or social purposes only.

Park home

Home, including its permanent fixtures and fittings and decorative finishes, skirting, porches, fixed storage units, fixed disability aids, adaptations and equipment, ramps, handrails, solar panels, foundation slab, patios, terraces, steps, verandas, decking, drives, paths, walls, gates, ornamental ponds and fountains, fences, hedges, railings, lampposts and fixed tanks providing fuel to the home all contained within the boundaries of the plot.

Period of insurance Period shown in the schedule and any further period for which you have paid, or have agreed to pay and the insurer has accepted, or has agreed to accept, the premium.

Plot

Park home standing area and surrounding land allocated to it by the site operator.

Schedule

Schedule containing your particulars as required by this insurance and is supplied with this policy.

On renewal and whenever a change of circumstances affecting this insurance arises a new **schedule** will be issued

Territorial limits

United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Terrorism

Any act or acts, including, but not limited to

- the use or threat of force and/or violence; or 1)
- harm or loss of or damage to life or to property, (or the threat 2) of such harm or damage) including, but not limited to, harm or damage by nuclear and/or chemical and/or biological and/or radiological means

caused or occasioned by any person(s) or group(s) of persons or so claimed, in whole or in part for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes.

The insurer

China Taiping Insurance (UK) Company Limited.

Unoccupied

For more than 30 consecutive days

- 1) not furnished for normal occupation; or
- 2) furnished for normal occupation, but has not been lived in by any person with **your** permission.

Unspecified clothing and personal effects

Personal property normally worn or carried on or about the person, including jewellery, watches, binoculars and photographic, sports and musical equipment.

Valuables

Jewellery, watches, gold, silver, precious metals, gemstones, furs, pictures, curios and other works of art and stamp, coin and medal collections.

You/your/yours

Person(s) named in your schedule, together with any spouse or domestic partner and any child, parent or other relative of theirs that normally resides with them.

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS APPLYING TO THE WHOLE POLICY

This policy does not cover the following.

1) General

Any loss, damage, legal liability, costs, expenses or benefits directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to or arising from

a) Radioactive contamination

- i) ionising radiations from, or contamination by radioactivity from, any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
- ii) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any nuclear installation, reactor or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof; or
- iii) any weapon of war employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter.

b) War risks

war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities or war like operations, (whether war be declared or not), civil war, mutiny, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to a popular rising, military rising, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power.

c) Sonic bangs

pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

d) Pollution

pollution or contamination by naturally occurring or man-made substances forces or organisms, or any combination of them, whether permanent or transitory and however occurring, but this exclusion shall not apply to a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**.

e) Date recognition failure

the failure of any computer data processing equipment or media micro chip, integrated circuit or similar device or any computer software, whether belonging to **you** or not, correctly to

- i) recognise any date as its true calendar date;
- ii) capture, save, retain and/or correctly to manipulate, interpret or process any data or information or command or instruction as a result of treating any date otherwise than its true calendar date; or
- capture, save, retain or process any data as a result of the operation of any command which causes the loss of data or the inability correctly to capture, save, retain or process such data

provided that this exclusion shall not apply to subsequent **damage**, not otherwise excluded, which is insured by this policy.

2) Plot

Any loss of (including loss of value) or damage to the **plot** or any part of the **plot**, unless relating to property specifically stated as insured by this policy.

3) Loss in value

Loss in value of any property following repair or replacement.

4) Act of terrorism

Harm or loss of or damage to life or property, or the threat of such harm or **damage**, by nuclear and/or chemical and/or biological and/or radiological means, resulting directly or indirectly from, or in connection with, **terrorism**, regardless of any contributing cause or event.

5) Computer virus and electronic data

In respect of sections 1 and 2 of this policy only, **damage** directly or indirectly occasioned by or happening through or in consequence of **computer virus(es)**, or from erasure or corruption or alteration of **electronic data**, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to **damage** which results from any of standard perils 1-8 of Section 1 Park Home and Contents.

6) Deliberate or criminal acts

Any damage

- a) deliberately caused by; or
- b) arising from a criminal act caused by

you or any other person living with you.

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE WHOLE POLICY

1) Reasonable care

If **you** have not taken all reasonable steps to prevent accidents or **damage** and maintain the property in a sound condition and good repair, **the insurer** shall not be liable to make any payment under this policy.

2) Changes that may affect your insurance

The insurer has relied upon information advised to them in deciding to provide **you** with this insurance. **You** must tell them as soon as possible if there are changes that may affect **your** insurance, such as, but not restricted to, the following.

You change the address where you normally live or your occupation.

You are convicted of, or have a conviction pending for, any offence other than a motoring offence.

The use of the **home** is changed, such as let out to lodgers, used for business purposes or becomes **unoccupied**.

The carrying out of structural alterations at the **home** - **the insurer** should be notified before commencement.

You are declared bankrupt, or are the subject of bankruptcy proceedings.

In the event of any such change, **the insurer** will have the option of amending the terms under which this insurance has been provided or cancelling this insurance from the date of change.

3) Cancellation

- a) If you cancel this policy within 14 days of the date you receive your policy documents, the insurer will refund the premium in full, provided no claim has been made for the period this policy has been in force and that no liability whatsoever shall attach to the insurer in respect of this policy.
 - If you cancel this policy after 14 days of the date you receive your policy documents, the insurer will allow a refund of premium for every full quarter of the period of insurance that remains in force from the date of cancellation, subject to paragraph d) below.
- b) The insurer may cancel this policy by sending 7 days' notice by recorded delivery to you at your last known address and the insurer will allow a pro rata refund of premium for the unexpired period to expiry date, subject to paragraph d) below.
- c) If **you** pay **your** premium by monthly direct debit and there is a default in payment, **the insurer** reserves the right to cancel **your** insurance in accordance with the terms of **your** credit agreement. No refund of premium or credit charge will be due when cancellation takes place in these circumstances.
- d) Where a claim has been made during the current period of insurance, the full annual premium will still be payable despite cancellation of cover and the insurer reserves the right to deduct this from any claim payment. In any event a due proportion of the premium and credit charge, if applicable, shall be payable for the period of cover provided.

4) Other insurance

If any **damage**, legal liability, costs or expenses covered by this policy is insured elsewhere, **the insurer** will only pay its share of any claim.

5) Fraud

All benefit under this policy will be forfeited, with no refund of premium, if any claim is in any respect fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means are used by **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf to obtain benefit under this policy.

6) Tax

In addition to the premium, the cost of this insurance includes tax due on the premium which **the insurer** is required to collect in accordance with current legislation.

7) Governing law

There is a choice of law for this insurance, but unless **the insurer** agrees otherwise, English law applies.

8) General Data Protection Regulation

It is agreed by **you** that any information provided to **the insurer** regarding **you** for the purpose of accepting insurance and handling any claims may, if necessary, be divulged to third parties, provided that it will be processed by **the insurer** in compliance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation.

9) Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person or company who was not party to this policy has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this policy, but this general condition does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists, or is available, other than by virtue of this Act.

CONDITIONS APPLYING IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM

1) Notification of claims

Your failure to act in accordance with the requirements stated in paragraphs a) and b) below may, at **the insurer's** option, result in **your** claim being invalid.

- a) Loss of or damage to property
 - In the event of an incident likely to result in a claim you must
 - i) immediately report to the police any theft, malicious damage, vandalism or loss of property;
 - ii) advise **the insurer** as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days thereafter and at **your** expense provide written details and proofs that **the insurer** requires within 30 days; and
 - iii) take all reasonable steps to minimise damage and take all practical steps to recover lost property and discover any guilty person.
- b) Legal liability
 - In the event of any accident likely to result in a legal liability claim you must
 - advise the insurer as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days thereafter and at your expense provide written details and any assistance that the insurer requires within 30 days;
 - ii) immediately send to **the insurer** any letter, writ, summons or other legal document issued against **you** without answering it; and
 - iii) not negotiate, pay, settle, admit or deny any claim without **the insurer's** written consent.

If **you** need to notify **the insurer** of a claim, or of any circumstances or incident which may cause a claim, (other than under Section 4 Family legal expenses or Section 6 Home emergency) **you** should contact

Claims Department, Mark Bates Ltd, Premier House, Londonthorpe Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire. NG31 9SN

Tel No: 01476 514470 Fax: 01476 591543

Email: claims@markbatesItd.com

For notification of claims under Section 4 Family legal expenses refer to page 36 of this policy.

For notification of claims under Section 6 Home emergency refer to page 39 of this policy.

2) Conduct of claims

a) Rights of the insurer

In the event of a claim the insurer may

- enter into and inspect any park home where the damage has occurred and take charge of any damaged property - no property may be abandoned to them; and
- ii) take over and control any proceedings in your name, for the benefit of the insurer, to recover compensation from any source or defend proceedings against you.

b) Recovery of lost or stolen property

If any lost property is recovered, **you** must let **the insurer** know as soon as reasonably possible by recorded delivery.

If the property is recovered before payment of the claim, **you** must take it back and **the insurer** will then pay for any damage.

If the property is recovered after payment of the claim it will belong to **the insurer**, but **you** will have the option to retain it and refund any claim payment to **the insurer**.

3) Excess waiver

In the event that **you** make a valid claim under more than one section of this policy for the same incident and that claim is subject to an **excess** under each section, only one **excess** will be applied. If the **excess** applying to the claim in each section is different, the higher **excess** will be applied.

4) Proof of value and ownership

It is **your** responsibility to prove any loss. It is therefore recommended that **you** keep receipts, valuations, photographs, instruction booklets and guarantee cards to help with **your** claim.

Compensation rights

In the event that **the insurer** is unable to meet its legal obligations under this insurance **you** may be entitled to apply for compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information is available from FSCS. Tel: 0800 678 1100. Website www.fscs.org.uk

SECTION 1 PARK HOME AND CONTENTS

The insurer will pay for the following.

The standard perils

Loss of or damage to the **park home** and **contents** caused by

- 1) fire, lightning, explosion or earthquake.
- 2) smoke.
- 3) storm or flood.
- escape of water or oil from any interior fixed heating or domestic water installation, washing machine, dishwasher, refrigerator or freezer.
- 5) Freezing or forcible or violent bursting of any fixed heating or domestic water installation in the **home**
- 6) theft or attempted theft.

The insurer will not pay for the following.

Damage resulting from any gradually operating cause.

- a) **Damage** caused by frost.
- b) Loss of or damage to gates, fences or hedges.
- Damage caused while the home is unoccupied.
- Escape of water resulting ir subsidence, heave or landslip.
- Loss of or damage to the installation or appliance itself.

Damage caused while the **home** is unoccupied.

- a) **Damage** caused by **you**, or by any person lawfully in the **home**.
- b) **Damage** caused while the
 - i) home is unoccupied; or
 - home is lent, let or sub-let, unless there is forcible and violent entry or exit.
- Loss of money, unless there is forcible and violent entry or exit.
- d) Damage when the home is unattended, unless at the time of damage all external doors and windows in the home are shut and securely closed by their normal methods of fastening and all locking devices are in place.

7) riot, strike, labour or political disturbance or civil commotion.

The insurer will pay for the following.

- 8) malicious persons or vandals.
- 9) collision involving aircraft, aerial devices or anything dropped from them, vehicles or animals.
- 10) falling trees or branches.
- 11) falling satellite dishes, receiving aerials and their fittings and masts.
- subsidence or heave of the site upon which the **park home** stands, or landslip.

 accidental breakage to fixed glass, sanitary ware and ceramic hobs all forming part of the park home. The insurer will not pay for the following.

- a) **Damage** caused by **you**, or by any person lawfully in the **home**.
- b) **Damage** caused while the **home** is **unoccupied**.

Damage caused by domestic pets.

- a) loss of or damage to gates, fences or hedges.
- b) Damage caused by felling or lopping.

Damage caused to them.

- a) The first £500 of each claim.
- b) Loss of or damage to patios, terraces, steps, ramps, verandas, decking, drives, paths, walls, gates, ornamental ponds and fountains, fences, hedges, railings, lampposts and fixed tanks, unless the structure of the park home is damaged at the same time by the same cause.
- c) Damage
 - i) due to coastal or river erosion;
 - ii) resulting from demolition, alteration or repair to the home;
 - iii) resulting from faulty workmanship or the use of defective materials; or
 - iv) resulting from bedding down or the settlement of made up ground.

Breakage caused while the **home** is **unoccupied**.

The insurer will pay for the following.

- 14) accidental damage to underground services, septic tanks and drain inspection covers at the home for which you are legally liable.
- 15) accidental damage

The insurer will not pay for the following.

Damage resulting from

- a) clearing or attempting to clear a blockage; or
- wear and tear or any gradually operating cause.
- a) The cost of maintenance.
- b) **Damage**
 - specifically excluded elsewhere in this section;
 - ii) caused while the **home** is lent, let or sublet;
 - caused by wear and tear, domestic pets, insects, vermin, rot, fungus, atmospheric or climatic conditions or any gradually operating cause;
 - iv) caused by mechanical or electrical defect or breakdown, faulty workmanship or design or the use of defective materials;
 - v) caused while the home is unoccupied;
 - vi) caused by cleaning, repair, restoration or use contrary to the maker's instructions; or
 - vii) caused by paying guests or tenants.
- c) **Damage** caused to
 - food in freezers, clothing, contact lenses, hearing aids, stamps or pedal cycles; or
 - video cameras, mobile phones, pagers, computer software, recording tapes, discs or records.

Additional covers

This section extends to include the following additional covers.

1) Loss of rent and cost of temporary accommodation

Up to 25% of the park home sum insured for

- a) loss of rent payable to you;
- b) any ground rent payable by you; or
- the reasonable costs of necessary temporary accommodation for you and your domestic pets

if it is not possible to live in the **home** as the result of **damage** insured by this section.

2) Additional costs and expenses

The additional costs of

- a) resiting and delivery;
- b) architects', surveyors' and other professional fees;
- c) clearing debris, demolition, shoring or propping up; or
- d) complying with government or local authority requirements necessary as a result of damage insured by this section.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) In respect of b) above, fees incurred for preparing any claim under this policy.
- b) In respect of d) above, costs for complying with requirements notified before the damage occurred.

3) Transfer of interest in the home

If **you** are selling the **home**, the purchaser will have the benefit of this section during the period between exchange of contracts and completion, provided that the **home** is not insured under any other policy.

4) Emergency access

Loss of or damage to the **park home** caused by forced access to deal with a medical emergency or prevent loss of or damage to the **park home**.

5) Trace and access

Up to £5,000 for costs of locating the source of **damage** caused by escape of water or oil at the **home** as insured by this section, such costs to include the reinstatement of walls, floors and ceilings removed or damaged during the search.

6) Loss of or damage to gardens and cost of clearing drains

Up to £2,500 in any one **period of insurance** for the cost of restoring **your** garden and clearing underground services caused by the emergency services while attending the **home** as a consequence of **damage** insured by this section.

7) Compulsory evacuation

If you are prevented from living in the home by a responsible authority in the event that

- a) damage occurs to neighbouring property; or
- b) there is a risk to **your** health and safety from something external to the **home the insurer** will pay up to £5,000 for the reasonable additional costs of necessary temporary accommodation for **you** and **your** domestic pets for a maximum of 30 days.

8) Contents temporarily at college, university, polytechnic or boarding school

Up to £10,000 for loss of or damage to contents temporarily removed from the **home**, but within the **territorial limits**, for the purpose of attending a college, university, polytechnic or boarding school caused by standard perils 1-10 of this section.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) Theft, unless there is forcible and violent entry to or exit from a building.
- b) Damage insured under another insurance policy.
- c) **Damage** specifically excluded in the standard perils to this section.

9) Contents temporarily removed

Up to 15% of the **contents** sum insured for loss of or damage to **contents** temporarily removed from the **home**, but within the **territorial limits**, caused by

- a) standard perils 1-5 and 7-10 of this section;
- b) theft from
 - a bank or safe deposit or while in direct transit to or from the home and the bank or safe deposit;
 - ii) any building where **you** are employed or carry on a business or reside temporarily; or
 - iii) any other building.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) Storm, flood or malicious damage to contents which are not in a building.
- Loss of or damage to contents in your custody or control whilst living away from the home for the purpose of education (refer to additional cover 8) of this section).
- c) Loss of or damage to **contents** for sale or away on exhibition or in a furniture depository.
- d) Theft, unless there is forcible and violent entry to or exit from a building.
- e) Damage specifically excluded in the standard perils to this section.

10) Permanent household removal

Accidental loss of or damage to **contents** while in direct transit from the **home** by professional removers to another address owned or occupied by **you** and to which **you** are permanently moving within the **territorial limits**.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) Loss of or damage to china, glass, earthenware and brittle items, unless they have been packed by a professional packer.
- b) Damage caused by scratching, denting or bruising.
- c) Loss of or damage to contents in storage.
- d) Damage insured under another insurance policy.

11) Loss of keys

Up to £500 for replacing necessary locks and keys of

- a) alarms and safes installed in the home; and
- b) external doors and windows of the **home** following loss or theft of the keys.

12) Freezer contents

Up to £500 or the amount specified in the **schedule** for spoilage of domestic food in any freezer in the **home** caused by any malfunction or rise or fall of temperature in the freezer.

This additional cover will not pay for spoilage caused by

- a) deliberate disconnection by the supply company
- b) strike, lock out or industrial dispute

resulting in failure of the electricity supply to the home.

13) Metered water and heating oil

Up to £5,000 for loss of metered water or domestic heating oil following accidental loss of or damage to interior fixed domestic water or heating installations in or on the **home**.

This additional cover will not pay for damage caused while the home is unoccupied.

14) Fatal accident benefit

A benefit of £10,000 if **you** or **your** spouse separately or together die within three months of an injury caused in the **home** by fire or thieves.

15) Business contents

Up to £5,000 or 10% of the **contents** sum insured whichever is the lesser in respect of office equipment that belongs to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible used in connection with **your** business or occupation whilst in the **home**.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) Property more specifically insured.
- b) **Damage** specifically excluded in the standard perils to this section.

16) Visitors and domestic employees

Up to £1,000 for loss of or damage to personal property in the **home** belonging to **your** visitors or domestic employees.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) Property more specifically insured.
- b) Loss of or damage to money or credit cards.
- c) **Damage** specifically excluded in the standard perils to this section.

17) Gifts

Up to £5,000 for **damage** to gifts in the **home** relating to a wedding, birthday, anniversary or religious celebration of a member of **your** family for a period of one month before and one month after the event.

This additional cover will not pay for **damage** specifically excluded in any of the standard perils to this section.

18) Shopping in transit

Up to £500 for **contents** following **accidental damage** while **you** are bringing them directly to the **home** from the shop where **you** bought them.

This additional cover will not pay for damage as a result of

- a) theft whilst the property is left unattended in a public place; or
- b) theft from an unattended motor vehicle, unless
 - i) the property is concealed in a locked boot or glove compartment;
 - ii) all access points to the vehicle are closed and doors are locked; and
 - there is evidence that forcible and violent means were used in order to steal the property.

19) Counselling fees

Up to £1,000 for the costs of professional counselling that you require as the result of you suffering emotional stress as a consequence of an incident at the **home** insured by this policy.

This additional cover will not pay for any counselling that has not been recommended by a qualified medical practitioner and approved by **the insurer**.

20) Jury service

Up to £25 per day to a maximum of £1,000 for loss of earnings and out of pocket expenses if **you** are called to attend jury service.

This additional cover will not pay any amount that **you** can claim back from another source.

21) Medical equipment on loan

Up to £5,000 following **accidental damage** to medical equipment at the **home** on loan to **you** from a hospital, local authority or other organisation for which **you** are responsible, provided that **you** are able to provide written evidence that at the time of such **damage you** were legally liable to pay for repair or replacement.

22) Downloaded data

Up to £2,500 for the cost of replacing electronic data **you** have legally downloaded to a computer at the **home** and are unable to recover following **accidental damage** as a result of which a claim has been paid under this policy.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) Any data held for business, trade, professional or employment purposes.
- b) Re-making or reproducing a film, disc or tape.
- c) Re-writing information contained in **your home** entertainment equipment.

23) Theft by bogus officials

Up to £500 for theft of **money** by a person **you** allowed into the **home** who falsely claimed to be an official of a utility company, local authority or similar organisation who **you** reasonably believed to be acting in connection with their alleged occupation.

24) Identity fraud

The following reasonable and necessary expenses **you** have to pay solely as a direct result of an identity fraud.

- Solicitors' fees to defend a claim against you by financial institutions, to remove incorrect judgments, to challenge a consumer credit rating or to witness your signature.
- b) The cost of sending letters by certified post and making telephone calls to the police, financial institutions and credit agencies.
- c) Fees charged when **you** re-apply for a loan that was originally rejected.
- d) Your lost earnings because you have to take time off work to talk to the police, financial institutions or credit agencies.

The insurer will not pay more than £10,000 for any one identity fraud.

For the purpose of this additional cover, "identity fraud" means someone or a group of people knowingly using a means of identification belonging to **you** without **your** knowledge or authorisation and with the intention of committing or helping someone else to commit an illegal act.

An act or a series of acts against one of **you** by one person or group of people is considered to be one identity fraud.

This additional cover will not pay for identity fraud connected with **your** business, profession or occupation.

25) Garden plants

Up to £1,000 for **accidental damage** to trees, shrubs, plants and lawns at the **home** and any design fees necessary, subject to **the insurer's** approval.

This additional cover will not pay for the following.

- a) More than £250 in respect of any one plant, shrub or tree.
- b) Any claim as a consequence of subsidence, landslip or heave, unless the **home** is damaged at the same time by the same cause.
- c) **Damage** caused by pets, other animals, birds or insects.
- d) **Damage** as a result of fungus, frost, storm, flood or weight of snow.
- e) Loss of or damage to trees, shrubs, plants or lawns
 - i) which die naturally;
 - ii) arising because you haven't looked after them properly; or
 - from any cause which you could have prevented if appropriate action had been taken.
- Damage if it has been more than 30 days since you last slept at the home on a regular basis.

Claims settlement

Park home

Provided that, at the time of **damage**, the sum insured is not less than the replacement cost and the **park home** is in a good state of repair, **the insurer** will, at its option, pay the cost of repair or the replacement cost.

The replacement cost is the cost of re-siting the **park home** at the same location (or at another location at **the insurer's** discretion). If the identical make and model is no longer available, the **park home** will be replaced with another of the same size, style, design and specification and with the same quality of materials and workmanship.

If the **park home** is not in good repair, or if repair or replacement is not carried out, **the insurer** will, at its option, pay either

- 1) the cost of repair or replacement less a reduction for wear and depreciation; or
- 2) for reduction in market value caused by the **damage**.

Park home repairs will be carried out by either

- 1) **the insurers** preferred contractor or
- the most competitive estimate or tender from your nominated contractors, unless otherwise agreed by the insurer.

All **park home** repairs carried out by **the insurer's** preferred contractor are guaranteed for 12 months in respect of quality of workmanship.

Contents

Provided that, at the time of **damage**, the sum insured is not less than the full replacement cost, **the insurer** will, at its option

- 1) replace the item(s) as new; or
- 2) pay the cost of repair for items which can be economically repaired; or
- 3) pay the full replacement cost.

The full replacement cost is the cost of replacing all **contents** as new.

Where **you** have chosen not to repair or replace an item, **the insurer** will make a deduction for wear, tear and depreciation.

The maximum payable by **the insurer** for any one claim in respect of the property mentioned below shall be the amount stated against it.

a)	Total of valuables	One third of the contents sum insured.
b)	Any single item of valuables	£1,500.
c)	Money	£500.
d)	As a result of fraudulent use of your	
	credit cards	£1,000.
e)	Deeds, bonds and other personal	
	documents not defined as money	£1,000.
f)	Contents not in the home, but	
	within the boundaries of the plot	£1,000.
g)	Contents in an outbuilding other	
	than a garage	£2,000.

Maximum payment

In respect of any one claim, **the insurer** will not pay more than the sums insured stated in the **schedule** for **park home** and **contents**, plus 25% of the sum insured in respect of the **park home** for loss of rent and cost of temporary accommodation described in additional cover 1) of this section.

Seasonal increase

The **contents** sum insured is automatically increased by 10% during the month of December.

Re-instatement of sum insured

The sum insured in respect of **park home** and **contents** will not be reduced following payment of a claim.

Matching Items

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

Underinsurance

If the sum insured is less than the replacement cost **the insurer** will only pay the same proportion of the **damage** as the sum insured bears to the replacement cost.

For example, if the sum insured represents only one half of the replacement cost, **the insurer** will only pay for one half of the amount lost or damaged.

Excess

Unless a different **excess** is specified in the **schedule**, **you** will pay the first £50 of each claim, other than nil in respect of the cover provided by Additional covers 11) Loss of keys and 14) Fatal accident benefit.

SECTION 2 PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Your schedule states if this section is in force.

The insurer will pay for the following.

The insurer will not pay for the following.

A) Cover

Accidental damage to property belonging to you, or for which you are legally responsible, described below and against which a sum insured or limit of liability is stated in the schedule, whilst anywhere within the territorial limits and up to 90 days worldwide in any one period of insurance.

- B) Property
 - 1) Unspecified clothing and personal effects

- 2) Specified items
- 3) Pedal cycles

4) Money

Loss of or damage to **money**, **credit cards**, deeds, bonds and other personal documents, contact or corneal lenses, hearing aids, any prosthesis, pedal cycles, riding tack, water skis, sub aqua diving equipment, skis, (including sticks and bindings) snowboards, camping and car audio equipment and mobile telephones.

- Accessories, unless the pedal cycle is lost or damaged at the same time.
- Damage while the pedal cycle is being used for racing, pace-making or taking place in time trials.
- c) Theft or attempted theft whilst away from the home, unless stored within a locked building or securely locked to an immovable object.

Damage

- a) arising in the home;
- b) by mistake in change counting or overpayment; or
- not reported to the police within 24 hours of discovery.

5) **Credit cards**, but only in respect of financial loss as a result of fraudulent use by any unauthorised person.

Damage

- a) not reported to the police and the issuing authority within 24 hours of discovery; or
- b) unless you have kept to the conditions under which the credit card was issued.

General exclusions to this section

The insurer will not pay for the following.

- Loss of or damage to
 - a) property used primarily for any profession or business;
 - b) sports clothing and equipment while in use;
 - c) remote controlled models while in operation;
 - d) musical instruments by scratching or denting;
 - e) any film, record, cassette, tape, disc or computer software, or the value of any information on it, other than for its value as unused material;
 - f) furniture, furnishings, household goods and equipment or any property excluded from the definition of **contents** on page 6 of this policy; or
 - g) property in the home while it is unoccupied.
- Damage caused by
 - a) theft from an unattended vehicle, unless entry to the vehicle has been gained by forcible and violent means and the property was removed from a concealed boot, concealed luggage compartment or closed glove compartment of a securely locked vehicle;
 - theft from the **home** while lent, let or sub-let, unless there is forcible and violent entry or exit;
 - theft by deception, unless deception is used only as a means to gain entry to the home.
 - d) accidental breakage while in the home when it is lent, let or sub-let;
 - e) wear and tear, domestic pets, insects, vermin, rot, fungus, atmospheric or climatic conditions, repair, cleaning, alteration, restoration or any gradually operating cause; or
 - f) mechanical or electrical breakdown.

Claims settlement

The insurer will, at its option

- replace the item(s) as new, except for clothing, where a deduction for wear, tear and depreciation will be made or
- 2) pay the cost of repair for items which can be economically repaired or
- pay the cost of replacement as new, except for clothing, where a deduction for wear, tear and depreciation will be made.

Where **you** have chosen not to repair or replace an item, **the insurer** will make a deduction for wear, tear and depreciation.

In respect of any one claim, the insurer will not pay more than

- a) the sum insured stated in the **schedule**;
- b) £1,000 for theft from an unattended vehicle; or
- c) 50% of the sum insured for unspecified clothing and personal effects or £1,500, whichever is the lesser, in respect of any single item or items forming part of a set.

The sum insured will not be reduced following payment of a claim, other than in respect of pedal cycles and specified items, which will be removed from cover after total loss.

Matching items

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

Excess

You will pay the first £100 of each and every claim.

SECTION 3 LIABILITY

Your schedule states if this section is in force.

Additional definitions to this section

The definitions applying to the whole policy as stated in pages 6 and 7 of this policy shall include the following in respect of this section only.

Motorised vehicle

Electrically or mechanically powered vehicle, other than

- 1) gardening equipment used within the **plot**;
- 2) golf carts and trolleys;
- 3) pedestrian controlled toys and models; and
- 4) battery assisted pedal cycles.

The insurer will pay for the following.

1) Property owners' liability

Your legal liability for accidental death, bodily injury, illness or disease to any person, or accidental damage to property incurred

- a) as owner (not occupier) of the park home and plot; and
- b) in connection with any other private residence formerly owned and occupied by **you** within the last 7 years and incurred by reason of Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, provided that no other insurance covers the liability

provided that **the insurer's** liability for any one claim or series of claims arising out of any one incident shall not exceed £5,000,000, plus defence costs and expenses incurred by **you** with **the insurer's** consent.

2) Occupiers, personal and employers liability.

Your legal liability for accidental death, bodily injury, illness or disease to any person, or accidental damage to property in respect of

- a) the occupation (not ownership) of the **park home**;
- b) the employment of any domestic employee; and

The insurer will not pay for the following.

Liability arising from

- a) accidental death, bodily injury, illness or disease to **you** or any domestic employee;
- b) accidental damage to property which belongs to you or for which you are responsible; or
- c) the ownership or use of any **motorised vehicle** or lift.

Liability arising from

- a) death, bodily injury, illness or disease to you;
- b) loss of or damage to property which belongs to you or for which you are responsible:

- any other personal capacity anywhere in the world
- provided that **the insurer's** liability for any one claim or series of claims arising out of any one incident shall not exceed
- £10,000,000 in respect of a claim for accidental death, bodily injury, illness or disease of any domestic employee, including defence costs and expenses incurred by you with the insurer's consent; or
- £5,000,000 in respect of any other claim, plus defence costs and expenses incurred by you with the insurer's consent.

3) Unrecovered court awards

Up to £2,000,000 for sums which **you** have been awarded, but which have not been paid to **you**, within 3 months of the date of the award, for accidental death, bodily injury, illness or disease, or **accidental damage** to property of the type insured in paragraph 2) above and where **the insurer** is satisfied that these sums are not recoverable from the party held responsible by the court. The award must not be the subject of any appeal.

- c) the ownership or use of any **motorised vehicle** or lift;
- the ownership of the park home or any other structure or plot;
- e) the ownership or use of aircraft or watercraft, unless they are models or hand propelled; or
- f) the ownership or possession of an animal to which any section of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (or any amending legislation) applies.

Any sum awarded before the inception of this policy.

4) General exclusions to this section

The insurer will not pay for the following.

- a) Any profession, business or employment that **you** are engaged in.
- b) Any agreement or contract, unless liability would have applied anyway.
- Liability arising from the passing on of any infectious disease or any virus, syndrome or illness.
- d) An award of a court outside the **territorial limits**.
- e) The accidental death, bodily injury, illness or disease of any domestic employee caused by **terrorism**, war, invasion, act of foreign enemy hostilities, (whether war be declared or not) civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power, other than to the extent that it is necessary to comply with the minimum requirements of the law in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, relating to compulsory insurance of liability to employees and provided that **the insurer's** maximum liability for any one claim caused by **terrorism**, war, invasion, act of foreign enemy hostilities, (whether war be declared or not) civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power shall not exceed £5,000,000.

SECTION 4 FAMILY LEGAL EXPENSES

Additional definitions to this section

The definitions applying to the whole policy as stated in pages 7) and 8) of this policy shall include the following in respect of this section only.

Collective conditional fee agreement

Separate agreement between the insurer and the nominated representative for paying his or her professional fees which is an enforceable conditional fee agreement within the meaning of section 58, 58A, Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, the format and contents of which have been agreed to by the insurer before it is entered into.

Conditional fee agreement

Separate agreement between **you** and the **nominated representative** for paying his or her professional fees which is an enforceable conditional fee agreement within the meaning of section 58, 58A, Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, such agreement only to be in the form provided by **the insurer**.

Date of occurrence

For claims brought under paragraph 8) of the cover, the date that **you** were first notified by HM Revenue & Customs that an extensive examination is to take place.

For all other claims, the date at which the cause of action first arose.

Geographical limits

- For paragraphs 1) and 2) of the cover the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, the European Union, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey (west of the Bosphorus).
- 2) For paragraphs of the cover not referred to in 1) above the United Kingdom the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Goods

Contents as described in the definitions applying to the whole policy.

Legal expenses

The fees, costs, disbursements and other professional charges which **the insurer** has agreed to fund

- reasonably and necessarily incurred by a nominated representative; and
- incurred by other parties, in civil cases if you have been ordered to pay them or pay them with the insurer's written agreement.

Legal proceedings

The pursuit of civil legal disputes and proceedings within the jurisdiction of a court or other body in the **geographical limits**, including defending a counterclaim and appealing or defending an appeal against judgement and excluding correspondence by way of pre-action protocol or any mediation or any other alternative dispute procedure within the jurisdiction of a court or other body in the **geographical limits**.

Nominated representative	Solicitor, claims negotiator or other suitably qualified person appointed in accordance with the terms of this section. In regards to claims in respect of death or bodily injury, the nominated representative must have signed either a collective conditional fee agreement or a conditional fee agreement with the insurer .
Site owner	Individual company partnership or other entity that owns and is

Site owner Individual, company, partnership or other entity that owns and is responsible for the site on which the **park home** is situated.

What is covered

The insurer will pay for the types of claim specified below arising from **legal proceedings**, provided that

- i) **the insurer** will not pay under this section in respect of any one claim more than £100,000;
- ii) the subject of the claim occurred within the geographical limits and the date of occurrence was within the period of insurance; and
- iii) the insurer will not pay for more than two claims in any one period of insurance.

1) Personal injury

Claims relating to **your** death or bodily injury caused by a specific, sudden and unforeseen event for which a third party is at fault.

The insurer will not pay for any claim arising from negligent surgery or any clinical or medical procedure or treatment.

2) Clinical negligence

Death or bodily injury to you which results from negligent surgery or any clinical or medical procedure or treatment.

The insurer will not pay for any claim arising from or relating to

- a) an alleged failure to correctly diagnose your condition; or
- b) psychological injury or mental illness, unless it results from negligent surgery or any clinical or medical procedure or treatment that has also caused physical bodily injury to you.

3) Consumer contracts (including professional negligence)

Disputes arising out of any contract or alleged contract entered into by **you** for the purchase or hire of **goods** or services for private use or the sale or supply of privately owned **goods** by **you**, provided that

- a) the contract or alleged contract was entered into or, in the case of professional negligence claims only, the loss was first discovered after the commencement of the first period of insurance; and
- b) where the sale, purchase or hire has been effected on the internet, all dispute resolution procedures afforded to sellers, purchasers or hirers by the relevant website provider or authority have been exhausted.

4) Park home disputes

Disputes with the site owner about

- a) your right to use and occupy the park home and plot.
- b) your right to use and have access to the services and facilities of the park home site as provided by the site owner.
- the exercising of your right to sell the park home, providing commencement of the sale starts at least 6 months after the commencement of this policy.
- annual site fees, provided you have owned the park home for more than 12 months.
- e) maintenance of the park home site.

The insurer will not pay for any dispute relating to planning, licensing, building or regulations or compulsory purchase orders or proposed works by any local authority, government or public authority.

5) Domestic property protection

Disputes arising out of a third party's negligent act or omission, nuisance, trespass or criminal damage relating to **your** material property (that is **your** principal place of residence, but not any other buildings or land) which causes physical damage or pecuniary loss.

The insurer will not pay for

- any claim in relation to extending, altering or renovating buildings or any part of them;
- b) any claim relating to subsidence, heave, landslip, mining or quarrying; or
- c) any claim relating to planning law, including town and country planning legislation.

6) Employment

Disputes arising from or relating to **your** contract of employment which can exclusively be heard in an Employment Tribunal.

The insurer will not pay for

- a) claims if **you** are a director, an apprentice or working under a contract for service; and
- b) claims relating to the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment Regulations.

7) Legal defence

The defence of any civil action taken against **you** as an employee under any legislation relating to racial, sex, age or disability discrimination, data protection or being a trustee of a pension fund set up for the benefit of **your** fellow employees.

8) HM Revenue & Customs

An extensive examination of **you** by HM Revenue & Customs into **your** personal tax affairs, but only if the person(s) under examination is employed.

The insurer will not pay for enquiries

- a) limited to specific aspects of the self-assessment tax return; or
- where the person under examination is self-employed, a director or the member of a partnership.

9) Attendance expenses

Your actual loss of salary or wages for the time off work to attend any court or tribunal hearing at the request of the **nominated representative** or as a defendant of an admitted claim under this section, provided that

- a) such salary or wages are not recoverable from the relevant court, tribunal or other party or payable by **your** employer without deduction; and
- b) **the insurer's** liability shall not exceed £1,000 for loss of salary or wages in respect of any one claim.

10) Removal of squatters

Claims relating to the eviction of squatters who have taken occupation of the **home**.

The insurer will not pay for

- any claim if the home is lent, let or sub-let to or occupied by someone who is not a member of your family;
- b) if the home is unoccupied or unfurnished; or
- c) more than £10,000 for claims occurring in any one **period of insurance**.

Exclusions to this section

The insurer will not pay for the following

1) Reporting of claims

Any claim reported to the insurer more than 180 days after the date of occurrence.

2) Trade, business or profession

Any claim arising from any trade, business, profession, employment or services delivered for reward, except as provided for under parts 6), 7) and 8) of the cover.

3) Mechanically propelled vehicle

Any claim relating to ownership or use of a mechanically propelled vehicle.

4) Libel or slander

Any claim relating to written or verbal remarks.

5) Deliberate, dishonest, violent or criminal acts

Any claim relating to

- a) a cause of action intentionally brought about by you; or
- your actual or alleged dishonesty, actual or alleged violent behaviour or other criminal act.

6) Previous knowledge

Any claim of which **you** were aware, or ought to have been aware, before the inception of this section.

7) Legal expenses not agreed

Legal expenses incurred

- a) before the insurer agreed to pay them;
- b) where you
 - i) pursue or defend a case without **the insurer's** agreement or in a different manner to or against its advice or that of the **nominated representative**:
 - ii) fail to give proper instructions in due time to **the insurer**, to the **nominated representative** or to counsel or other persons instructed by **the insurer** or the **nominated representative**;
- where the nominated representative refuses to act on your behalf for any reason, other than as the result of a conflict of interest;
- d) in respect of witnesses, experts or agents interviewed, engaged or called as witness before receiving **the insurer's** written approval; or
- before the issue of formal legal proceedings, unless by way of pre-action protocol approved by the insurer;
- f) for adverse costs awards made against you, pursuant to section 22, Employment Act 2002 including, without limitation, before the expiry of any applicable ACAS discussion period.

8) Delay and prejudicial acts

Where **you**, in **the insurer's** reasonable opinion, act in a manner which is prejudicial to the case, including being responsible for any unreasonable delay, withdrawing instructions from the **nominated representative** or withdrawing from the case.

9) Other insurances

For **legal expenses** which can be recovered by **you** under any other insurance or which would have been covered if this insurance did not exist, except for any amount in excess of that which would have been payable under such insurance(s).

10) Fines and penalties

For fines, damages or other penalties which **you** are ordered to pay by a court or other authority.

11) Disagreement

Any claim relating to a dispute with the insurer.

12) Judicial review

Any claim relating to any judicial review.

13) Bankruptcy

When **you** are bankrupt, in liquidation, have made an arrangement with **your** creditors, have entered into a Deed of Arrangement or part or all of **your** affairs or property are in the care or control of a receiver or an administrator.

14) Intellectual property

Any claim relating to disputes involving copyright(s), trademark(s), merchandise mark(s), registered or unregistered design(s) or other intellectual property rights or secrecy and confidentiality agreements.

15) Breakdown of marriage or custody

Any claim relating to any dispute that **you** may personally have arising from or relating to the breakdown of a marriage or quasi marital relationship or custody matters.

16) Leasehold valuation tribunal

Any dispute that is or could be determined by a leasehold valuation tribunal.

Conditions to this section

The insurer will not pay for the following

1) Your responsibilities

You must

- a) take all reasonable steps to minimise the amount payable under this insurance;
- take all reasonable steps to resolve any dispute that may otherwise give rise to a claim, by way of negotiation, mediation or any other available alternative dispute resolution procedure;
- provide the insurer with such information regarding your claim as the insurer may reasonably require; and
- d) notify **the insurer** as soon as is reasonably possible of any circumstances which may give rise to a claim.

2) Nominated representative

- a) The insurer can represent your interests and negotiate your claim directly or through a nominated representative at the insurer's entire discretion. If the insurer chooses to refer your claim to a nominated representative, it shall confirm this in writing to you and explain in more detail the work the nominated representative will undertake.
- b) If the insurer agrees to the commencement of legal proceedings, then you have the right to nominate your own adviser. You must send the insurer the name and address of such person before the commencement of any legal proceedings. Such adviser must accept the insurer's terms of appointment before commencing any work for you on its behalf and co-operate with the insurer at all times.
- c) The insurer may reject any adviser you suggest. If you do not agree with the insurer about the choice of the nominated representative, both parties may agree in writing to choose a second suitably qualified person to decide the matter.
- d) When a nominated representative is appointed the insurer will send them a copy of its terms of appointment, which must be accepted by the nominated representative before commencing any work for you. In regards to claims in respect of death or bodily injury, the nominated representative must have signed either a collective conditional fee agreement or a conditional fee agreement with the insurer.

3) Control of the claim

- a) You must, at your own cost, provide the nominated representative with all information, evidence and documents relating to the claim when requested to do so and you must meet with the nominated representative when reasonably requested to do so.
- b) You must keep the **nominated representative** regularly informed of all developments, co-operate fully in all respects and immediately pass on all correspondence relating to **your** claim, unanswered.
- c) The insurer must have direct access to the nominated representative at all times. You will provide the insurer with all information, evidence, legal advice and documents relating to the legal proceedings in your possession or custody or that of the nominated representative upon the insurer's request.
- d) You must give the **nominated representative** any instructions **the insurer** requires **you** to give without delay.

4) Acceptance of a claim and right to refuse payment

The insurer may refuse to accept a claim or to continue to make payment to you where

- a) in the insurer's opinion
 - i) **you** have not disclosed any material information;
 - ii) **you** have failed to provide **the insurer** or the **nominated representative** with any relevant information and/or supporting evidence; and
 - iii) **your** claim does not have any reasonable prospects of success or that there are reasonable prospects of recovery from the other party.
- in the nominated representative's opinion, your claim does not have reasonable prospects of success or that there are reasonable prospects of recovery from the other party.
- if the insurer refuses to accept a claim or to continue to make payment to you, the insurer shall give the reason(s) in writing to you.

5) Reasonable grounds

- a) The insurer may, at any time, require you to obtain at your own expense an opinion from counsel as to the merits of your claim. Payment will be made under this insurance, subject to the limit applicable to the claim, to include the cost of obtaining the opinion only if counsel's opinion clearly demonstrates that there are reasonable grounds for pursuit or defence of your claim.
- b) In all cases, the onus will be on you to demonstrate to the nominated representative, or to the insurer's own advisers or counsel, (as appropriate) that such reasonable grounds as referred to above exist. Your costs of investigation and other legal expenses relating to your seeking to prove that such reasonable grounds do exist are not covered under this insurance.

6) Payment under this insurance

- a) You must inform the insurer of any offer to settle your claim. No settlement offer will be accepted without the insurer's consent.
- b) If **you** do not accept an offer **the insurer** considers to be reasonable, it may refuse to provide any further payment.
- c) The insurer may, at its sole discretion, elect to pay you the amount of damages claimed instead of incurring legal expenses to satisfy the insurer's liability under this section.
- d) If any offer to settle the claim is not accepted by you, which equals or exceeds the total damages (including any interest) eventually recovered by you, the insurer will have no liability in respect of legal expenses incurred after such refusal, unless it has given its written consent to the rejection of the offer.
- e) Following receipt of the relevant accounts, orders or award of a court or tribunal for legal expenses to be paid under this section, payment will be made direct to the nominated representative, to the other party's legal representative or to such other party as is appropriate according to the terms of any order or award of the court or tribunal.
- f) If you withdraw from the legal proceedings without the insurer's agreement, cover will cease immediately and the insurer shall be entitled to be reimbursed for any legal expenses previously agreed or paid to you, or on your behalf, in respect of such legal proceedings.

7) Recoveries

The insurer can take legal proceedings in **your** name, at its own expense and for **the insurer's** own benefit, to recover any payment made under this insurance to anyone else. If **you** recover any **legal expenses** previously paid under this insurance from any other party, such **legal expenses** must be immediately repaid to **the insurer**.

How to make a claim

Potential claims should be notified to **the insurer** as soon as possible by utilising the contact details noted below. After the claim is accepted, the matter may be referred to a suitably qualified and experienced professional person for advice and suggested appropriate further action.

For the purposes of this section, claims are handled on **the insurer's** behalf by Independent Living Group Ltd (ILG) and in the event of an incident that may arise in a claim they should be contacted. Reference to **the insurer** in this section in relation to the control and handling of any claim **you** make may refer to either **the insurer** or ILG acting on **the insurer's** behalf.

Contact details of Independent Living Group Ltd are as follows:

Telephone No: 01476 512191

Email: ilgclaims@ilgsupport.com

in either case quoting "Park Home Insurance" and your Park Home Insurance policy number.

Please note that an email response is only provided between 09.00 and 17.00 Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays). An email received during this period will be responded to the same day.

To help ILG check and improve service standards **your** call may be recorded.

Once details of the claim have been received by **the insurer** and it has accepted the claim in writing, **the insurer** will supply the name(s) of one or more solicitors or other suitably qualified and experienced person(s) from its panel to act on **your** behalf.

SECTION 5 HELPLINES

The services under this section are provided exclusively by Independent Living Group Ltd (ILG) through its legal, tax, employment and health and safety and identity theft advice telephone helplines, which are available to **you** at any time of the day or night, every day of the year during the **period of insurance**.

1) Legal

Legal advice for any of **your** personal legal problems under the laws of the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, the European Union, Norway and Switzerland.

2) Tax

Confidential advice in respect of your personal tax affairs.

3) Employment and health and safety

Advice on matters relating to employment law and health and safety in respect of **your** relationship with employees that work for **you** at the **home**. Where appropriate, ILG can provide **you** with standard employment contracts, letters and other documentation to assist **you** to handle relationships with **your** employees in line with current legislation.

4) Identity theft

If you think that you are a victim of identity theft, ILG will provide you with advice and assistance to enable you to establish if your personal information has been accessed for criminal purposes and explain what action needs to be taken to protect your interests and integrity and prevent financial loss.

Contact details of Independent Living Group Ltd are as follows:

Telephone No: 01476 512193

Email: advice@ilgsupport.com

in either case quoting "Park Home Insurance" and your Park Home Insurance policy number.

Please note that an email response is only provided between 09.00 and 17.00 Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays). An email received during this period will be responded to the same day.

The service is restricted to advice, information or assistance given and there is no limit to the number of times it may be used.

To help ILG check and improve service standards **your** call may be recorded.

SECTION 6 HOME EMERGENCY

For the purpose of this section only, this insurance is administered by Arag plc.

For the purpose of this section only, the definition of the insurer shall be AmTrust Europe Limited

Definitions to this section

Beyond economic repair

Your central heating boiler will be considered beyond economic repair when the estimated cost of contractor's labour and replacement parts required to permanently repair it exceed its depreciation value, which is calculated according to its age.

Central heating boiler

A boiler

- a) located in **your home** (or connecting garage); and
- which has been serviced within the 12 months prior to the date of vour home emergency claim.

Contractor

The contractor or tradesperson chosen by **us** to respond to **your home emergency.**

Emergency costs

- a) Contractor's reasonable and properly charged labour costs, parts and materials.
- b) Where necessary, alternative accommodation costs incurred under insured event 8.

Home emergency

A sudden, unexpected event which clearly requires immediate action in order to

- a) prevent damage or avoid further damage to the home; and/or
- b) render the home safe or secure; and/or
- c) restore the main services to the **home**: and/or
- d) alleviate any health risk to you.

Vermin

Brown or black rats, house or field mice and wasps' or hornets' nests.

We/us/our

ARAG plc (or appointed agents on its behalf) who is authorised under a binding authority agreement to administer this insurance on behalf of **the insurer**.

How to make a claim

In the event of a home emergency:

- 1) Please telephone **0344 571 5192** (lines are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year) as soon as possible, providing **us** with **your** name, address, postcode and the nature of the problem.
- 2) We will record your details and then decide on the best course of action to limit your loss and/or repair the damage. If the incident relates to an emergency covered under this policy, we will instruct a member of our emergency contractor network. Poor weather conditions or remote locations may affect normal standards of service.
- 3) If **you** are claiming for alternative accommodation costs **you** must obtain **our** authority to incur costs before booking somewhere to stay. **You** will have to pay for the accommodation when **you** check out and send **your** receipt to **us** to be reimbursed.
- 4) It is important that you notify us as soon as possible of any claim and do not call out your own contractors as we will not pay their costs and it could stop your claim being covered.
- 5) You must report any major emergency which could result in serious damage to the home or injury to the Emergency Services or the company that supplies the service.
- 6) **Your** call may be recorded for training and security purposes and will be answered as soon as possible.

Privacy Statement

This is a summary of how **we** collect, use, share and store personal information. To view **our** full privacy statement, please see **our** website, www.arag.co.uk

Collecting personal information

ARAG may be required to collect certain personal or sensitive information which may include name, address, date of birth and if appropriate medical information. **We** will hold and process this information in accordance with all relevant data protection regulations and legislation. Should **we** ask for personal or sensitive information, **we** undertake that it shall only be used in accordance with **our** privacy statement. **We** may also collect information for other parties such as suppliers **we** appoint to process the handling of a claim.

Using personal or sensitive information

The reason **we** collect personal or sensitive information is to fulfil **our** contractual and regulatory obligations in providing this insurance product, for example to process premium or handle a claim. To fulfil these obligations, **we** may need to share personal or sensitive information with other organisations. **We** will not disclose personal or sensitive information for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was collected. Please refer to **our** full privacy statement for full details.

Keeping personal information

We shall not keep personal information for any longer than necessary.

Your rights

Any person insured by this policy has a number of rights in relation to how **we** hold personal data including; the right to a copy of the personal data we hold; the right to object to the use of personal data or the withdrawal of previously given consent; the right to have personal data deleted. For a full list of privacy rights and when **we** will not be able to delete personal data please refer to **our** full privacy statement.

What is covered

Following an insured event which results in a **home emergency**, **the insurer** will pay **emergency costs** up to £1,000 for all claims related by time or original cause, provided that all of the following requirements are met.

- 1) You have paid the insurance premium.
- 2) The claim is reported to us
 - a) during the period of insurance; and
 - b) as soon as possible after you first become aware of a home emergency.
- 3) You always agree to use the contractor chosen by us.

Where **we** have accepted a claim under insured event 1 and **your central heating boiler** is found to be **beyond economic repair**, **the insurer** will pay a contribution of £250 towards the cost of a replacement boiler. (This payment is in addition to **emergency costs** incurred).

Insured events covered

1) Main heating system

The total failure or complete breakdown, whether or not caused by accidental damage, of the main heating system (including a **central heating boiler**, all radiators, hot water pipes and water storage tanks) in **your home**.

2) Plumbing and drainage

The sudden damage to, or blockage or breakage or flooding of, the drains or plumbing system, including water storage tanks, taps and pipe-work located within **your home**, which results in a **home emergency**.

3) Home security

Damage to (whether or not accidental) or the failure of external doors, windows or locks which compromises the security of **your home**.

4) Toilet unit

Breakage or mechanical failure of the toilet bowl or cistern resulting in the loss of function, provided that there is no other toilet in **your home**.

5) Domestic power supply

The failure, whether or not caused accidentally, of **your home's** domestic electricity or gas supply.

6) Lost keys

The loss or theft of the only available keys, if **you** cannot replace them to gain access to **your home**.

7) Vermin infestation

Vermin causing damage inside your home or a health risk to you.

8) Alternative accommodation costs

Your overnight accommodation costs, including transport to such accommodation following a **home emergency** which makes **your home** unsafe, unsecure or uncomfortable to stay in overnight.

Exclusions to this section

You are not covered for any claim arising from or relating to

- 1) emergency costs which have been incurred before we accept a claim;
- 2) an insured event which happens within the first 48 hours of cover if **you** purchase this policy at a different date from any other related insurance policy;
- 3) **emergency costs** where there is no one at **your home** when the **contractor** arrives;
- 4) any matter occurring prior to, or existing at the start of the policy, and which **you** believed or ought reasonably to have believed could give rise to a claim under this policy;
- 5) any wilful or negligent act or omission or any third party interference or faulty workmanship which does not comply with recognised industry standards or manufacturer's instructions;
- a main heating system (including a central heating boiler) which is more than 15 years old;
- 7) warm air and solar heating systems or boilers with an output over 60Kw/hr;
- 8) the cost of making permanent repairs, including any redecoration or making good the fabric of your home
 - a) once the home emergency situation has been resolved; or
 - b) arising from damage caused
 - i) in the course of the repair;
 - ii) in the course of investigation of the cause of the insured event; or
 - iii) in gaining access to your home;
- the interruption, failure or disconnection of the mains electricity, mains gas or mains water supply;
- the replacement of parts that suffer damage or the gradual process of wear and tear over time (such as dripping taps, washers or discs forming part of a tank pipe or tap);
- 11) **your** garage (except a **central heating boiler** located in a connecting garage) outbuildings, boundary walls, fences, hedges, cess pit, fuel tank or septic tank;
- 12) your home being left unoccupied for more than 30 days consecutively;
- 13) goods or materials covered by a manufacturer's, supplier's or installer's warranty;
- 14) the failure of equipment or facilities which have not been installed, maintained or serviced in accordance with legal regulations or manufacturer's instructions, or which is caused by a design fault which makes them inadequate or unfit for use;
- 15) a claim covered by another policy, or any claim that would have been covered by any other policy if this policy did not exist;
- 16) subsidence, landslip or heave;
- 17) a property that is not **your** main residence or that **you** rent or let;
- 18) blockage of supply or waste pipes to **your home** due to freezing weather conditions.

Conditions to this section

Failure to keep any of these conditions may lead **the insurer** to cancel **your** policy, or refuse to pay a claim.

1) Your responsibilities

You must:

- a) observe and keep to the terms of the policy;
- b) not do anything that hinders **us** or the **contractor**;
- c) tell **us** immediately after first becoming aware of any **home emergency**;

- d) tell us immediately of anything that may materially alter our assessment of the claim;
- e) cooperate fully with the contractor and us;
- f) provide **us** with everything **we** need to help **us** handle the claim;
- g) take reasonable steps to recover emergency costs that the insurer pays and pay to the insurer all costs that are recovered should these be paid to you;
- minimise any emergency costs and try to prevent anything happening that may cause a claim;
- allow the insurer at any time to take over and conduct in your name any claim, proceedings or investigation; and
- j) be able to prove that the central heating boiler has been serviced within the 12 months prior to the date of a home emergency claim.

2) Our consent

We must give you our consent to incur emergency costs. The insurer does not accept liability for emergency costs incurred without our consent.

3) Settlement

You must not settle the **contractor's** invoice or agree to pay **emergency costs** that **you** wish to claim for under this policy without **our** agreement.

Call out and labour costs; When settling **contractor's** call out charge and labour costs, unless stated otherwise on the **contractor's** invoice **we** will determine that the call out charge covers the cost of the **contractor** attending **your home** and disallows any time spent diagnosing the fault which has caused the insured event. Any inspection time that is required to trace, access or identify the cause of the insured event will be settled on the basis that the time is charged as labour costs.

4) Disputes

If any dispute between **you** and **us** arises from this policy, **you** can make a complaint to **us** as described under "How we handle complaints" below and **we** will try to resolve the matter. If **we** are unable to satisfy **your** concerns **you** can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to arbitrate over the complaint.

How we handle complaints

Step 1

ARAG is committed to providing a first class service at all times. However, if a complaint arises, please contact **us** using the number **you** rang to report **your** claim. If in the course of those discussions it becomes clear that the matter has not been resolved to **your** satisfaction, details of **your** complaint will be passed to **our** Customer Relations Department, where **we** will arrange to have it reviewed at the appropriate level. **We** will also contact **you** to let **you** know that **we** are reviewing **your** complaint.

Alternatively, **you** can contact **our** Customer Relations Department directly; **we** can be reached in the following ways:

- 0117 917 1561 (hours of operation are 9am-5pm, Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays. For our mutual protection and training purposes, calls may be recorded).
- customerrelations@arag.co.uk
- ARAG plc, 9 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1NN.

Step 2

If **we** are not able to resolve the complaint to **your** satisfaction then **you** can refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) provided that it falls within their jurisdiction. They can be contacted at:

- 0800 0234 567 or 0300 123 9123
- complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
- Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR.

The FOS is an independent service in the UK for settling disputes between consumers and businesses providing financial services. **You** can find more information on the Financial Ombudsman Service at www.financialombudsman.org.uk

The FOS's decision is binding upon **the insurer**, but **you** are free to reject it without affecting **your** legal rights.

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