

Cleaning contactors: property – buildings

Policy wording

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

Special definitions for this section

Buildings

The office buildings, which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible, at the premises shown in the schedule, including:

- a. outbuildings and annexes;
- b. landlord's fixtures and fittings, fixed fuel tanks;
- c. walls, gates and fences, car parks, yards, private roads, pavements and paths, at the premises;
- d. pipes, ducting, cables, wires and associated control equipment at the premises and up to the public mains.

The land at the premises is not included within this definition.

Rent receivable

Rent that **you** cannot legally recover from **your** tenants whilst the **buildings** or any part are unusable as a result of insured **damage**.

What is covered

We will insure **you** against **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to insured **buildings** or any other items specified under this section in the schedule.

Additional cover

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

Trace and access

1. **We** will pay for the necessary and reasonable costs **you** incur with **our** consent to locate any **damage** to cables, underground pipes and drains or the source of a gas leak or of any escape of water from permanent internal plumbing, where the **damage**, leakage or escape first occurs during the **period of insurance**. **We** will also pay the cost to make good any **damage** caused as a consequence of locating the **damage** or source of leakage or escape.

Emergency services

2. **We** will pay for the cost of any fire brigade charges and other extinguishing expenses and other charges made by any organisation responsible for preservation of public safety, including replacing sprinklers, for which **you** are liable following **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to insured **buildings** not otherwise excluded.

Loss prevention costs

3. **We** will pay for necessary and reasonable costs that **you** incur in order to prevent or minimise insured **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to the **buildings**.

Additions to buildings

4. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to any additions or improvements of **standard construction** to the **buildings** once they are completed and become **your** legal responsibility, provided **you** tell **us** the additional values as soon as possible and pay the appropriate premium.

Inadvertent omissions

5. Having notified **us** of the intention to insure all **buildings** in which **you** have an interest and it being **your** understanding that all **property** is accounted for, if any such **property** is found to have been omitted, **we** will deem it to be insured within the terms of this **policy**, provided it is of **standard construction**. This is subject to payment of the appropriate premium either from **policy** inception or from the date which **you** became legally responsible for such **property**.

Selling the buildings

6. If **you** are selling the **buildings**, this **policy** will cover the **buildings** for the buyer from the time **you** exchange contracts to the time of completion, unless the buyer is insured by, or has the benefit of, any other insurance. To obtain the benefit of this additional cover, the buyer must comply with the terms of this **policy**.

Trees, shrubs and plants

7. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to trees, shrubs or plants at **your business premises**, which are owned by **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible, as a result of fire or explosion.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for:

1. **damage** caused by:
 - a. wear and tear, inherent defect, rot, fungus, mould, vermin or infestation, or any gradually operating cause;
 - b. settlement or bedding down of new structures;
 - c. settlement or movement of made up ground;
 - d. coastal or river erosion;
 - e. collapse or cracking, other than **damage** to the main building resulting from **subsidence**;
 - f. **subsidence**:
 - i. to walls, gates and fences, car parks, yards, private roads, pavements and paths unless the main building is physically damaged at the same time and by the same cause;
 - ii. to solid floors unless the walls are physically damaged at the same time and by the same cause;
 - g. demolition, building work or groundwork on the premises;
 - h. a rise in the water table;
 - i. pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at supersonic speeds;
 - j. **storm** or **flood** to gates or fences;
 - k. frost, other than **damage** due to water leaking from burst pipes forming part of the permanent internal plumbing provided the building is occupied and in use;
 - l. **date recognition**;
 - m. any **virus**.
2. **damage** to any electrical or mechanical plant or equipment directly resulting from its own breakdown, explosion or collapse.
3. misuse, faulty workmanship, defective design or the use of faulty materials.
4. the cost of maintenance or routine redecoration.
5. any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused **you** to claim.
6. pollution or contamination except **damage** to insured **property** which is not otherwise excluded and which is caused by:
 - a. pollution or contamination which itself results from insured **damage** covered under this section; or
 - b. **damage** which would otherwise be covered under this section which itself was caused by pollution or contamination;
7.
 - a. **damage** directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with **terrorism** or any action taken to control, prevent or respond to **terrorism**;
 - b. **damage** in Northern Ireland directly or indirectly caused by civil commotion.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of this clause, it will be for **you** to show that the clause does not apply.
8. **war, confiscation** and **nuclear risks**.
9. the amount of the **excess**.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the **amount insured** unless limited below or in the schedule, but **we** will not pay more than the **amount insured** in total for the cost of rebuilding or repair and other costs combined.

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Rebuilding and repair	<p>We will pay the cost of rebuilding or repairing the buildings to a condition equal to but not better or more extensive than their condition when new, provided you carry out the rebuilding or repair and do so without unreasonable delay.</p>
Other costs	<p>We will pay the following necessary and reasonable costs and expenses you incur in rebuilding or repairing following damage insured by this section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The cost of removing debris of the buildings from the premises or the area immediately adjacent;The cost of dismantling, demolishing, shoring up or propping up any part of the buildings;The cost of complying with any statutory or local authority requirement regarding the damaged part of the buildings, unless notice of such requirement was served before the damage and provided the buildings were originally built according to any government and local authority regulations in force at that time;The fees of architects, surveyors or consulting engineers;Clearing, cleaning and repairing drains, gutters, sewers and the like on your premises which are blocked or damaged. <p>We will not pay for the cost of preparing a claim.</p>
Special rebuilding conditions	<p>You may rebuild or replace buildings which are totally destroyed in any manner suitable to your requirements and/or on another site provided this does not increase the cost.</p>
Under insurance	<p>If, at the time of damage, the amount insured is less than 85% of the total rebuilding cost of the buildings including an allowance for other costs, the amount we pay will be reduced in the same proportion as the under insurance.</p>
Index linking	<p>The amount insured for buildings will be adjusted monthly in line with any change in nationally published indices. We will not reduce the amount insured without your consent.</p>

Your obligations

If any damage occurs	<p>We will not make any payment under this section unless you notify us promptly of any damage which might be covered.</p> <p>You should report to the authorities, as soon as is reasonably possible, any damage arising from theft, arson, malicious damage, riot or civil commotion and obtain a crime reference from them.</p> <p>You should arrange for urgent repairs to be done immediately. Before any other repair work begins we have the right to inspect the damaged property. We will tell you if we want to do this.</p>
Unoccupancy	<p>You must tell us immediately if the buildings will be left unoccupied or will not be used for more than 30 consecutive days. If you do not, we will not make any payment for damage occurring while the buildings are unoccupied. We may change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional requirements that you must carry out. If we impose additional requirements we will tell you the timeframes within which you must carry them out.</p>
Building works	<p>If you intend to undertake any work to extend, renovate, build or demolish any part of the buildings and the estimated cost is more than £75,000 or €100,000, you must tell us about the work at least 30 days before the work starts and before you enter into any contract for the works. We may then amend the terms of this policy. If you do not tell us about such work, we may not pay for any damage directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from the building works.</p> <p>You do not have to tell us if the work is for redecoration only.</p>

Special conditions

Workmen	<p>Workmen are permitted in or about any of the buildings for the purposes of carrying out minor alterations, repairs, decoration and maintenance without invalidating this insurance.</p>
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