



# My Home Contents Insurance

A special service for tenants and leaseholders





Poplar HARCA **does not insure** your furniture, belongings or decorations against theft, fire, vandalism and burst pipes and other household risks.

Poplar HARCA and Thistle Insurance Services Ltd can offer tenants and leaseholders the chance to insure the contents of their homes.

The National Housing Federation My Home Contents Insurance Scheme is a pay as you go home contents insurance policy and has been designed to meet the demands and needs of those living in social housing who wish to insure their possessions.

Based on the information which has been provided to you if you are unsure whether this insurance policy is right for you please contact Poplar HARCA also referred to as the Administrator.

#### Payment of the premium

**Tenants:** For your convenience you can pay your insurance premium either weekly or monthly with your rent.

**Leaseholders:** You can pay your premiums quarterly, by Direct Debit or Standing Order or annually in advance by cheque.

For further information about paying your premium via your rent or service charge, email Poplar HARCA at info@poplarharca.co.uk

# Insurance for your furniture, TV, clothing, carpets, electrical items and general household goods

When you take out this insurance most of your household goods and contents will be insured in your home. The insurance also covers replacement of external locks if your keys are lost or stolen and the contents of your fridge/freezer. There is also cover for personal liability, and cover for damage to your landlords fixtures and fittings which you may be legally responsible for under the terms of your tenancy agreement. Full details of the policy cover and exclusions are available on request before you apply for cover.

## Insurance against fire, theft, vandalism, water damage and other household risks

These are examples of the types of risk your contents will be insured for.

Full details of the policy cover and exclusions are available on request before you apply for cover. Enclosed with this application pack is an Insurance Product Information Document.

#### **Optional Extras**

In addition to your standard contents cover, you have the option to add any of the following additional covers at an extra cost:

- Extended accidental damage cover
- Personal possessions cover (cover for possessions away from the home)
- Cover for the structure of garden huts, greenhouses and garages
- Hearing aid cover
- Wheelchair cover

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#### 'New-for-Old' insurance

All your home contents are covered by the policy on a 'new for old' basis, with the exception of linen and clothing which will be replaced at their current cost, less an amount for wear and tear. When you are working out the cost of your insurance, you will need to work out how much it will cost to replace all of your contents as new.

#### **Special low minimum sums insured**

The lowest amount that can be insured is:

- £7,000 if you are over the age of 60.
- £10,000 for all other tenants and leaseholders.

#### **Payment Methods**

Pay As You Go – If you select to pay by (weekly or monthly) this is called a Pay As You Go policy. This means your insurance cover is in place as long as you continue to pay your premiums.

#### **Cost of Insurance**

You can work out the cost of your insurance by following these easy steps:

- 1. Use the do-it-yourself valuation sheet opposite to work out how much cover you need.
- 2. Now refer to the premium tables on pages 5, 6, & 7 to select the premium you will pay.

#### You can use the below to work out your Premium

Standard Cover or	£	1	Insert in box 1 or 2 depending or the cover selected the premium
Standard Cover plus Accidental Damage	£	2	for your sum insured.
			If you have selected any of the optional covers insert the
Personal Possession	£	3	premium in boxes 3 to 6.
Wheelchairs	£	4	Add boxes 1 to 6 together and place the total in box 7.
Hearing Aids	£	5	If you need help working out you
Sheds & Garages	£	6	premium you can contact the Administrator by emailing: info@poplarharca.co.uk or
Total Premium	£	7	telephone 0800 035 1991.

#### **Do-it-yourself valuation of your household contents**

Most people find that their household contents are worth more than they think.

Please use this page to help calculate the total replacement cost of all your contents as new within your property.

Add up the Total Value column and round the total figure up to nearest £1,000, then enter this figure on the application form.

#### Please keep this sheet for future reference

Rooms/Items:	<b>Total Value</b>
Items in living room 1. e.g. TV, Radio, Video, Hi-Fi, Satellite Equipment, Computer, Suite, Carpet, Tables, Other Furniture, CD's, Videos, Light Fittings, Books, Ornaments, Curtains etc.	
Items in living room 2. e.g. Dining Table, Chairs, Sideboard, Other Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, Light Fittings, Ornaments etc.	
Items in kitchen. e.g. Cooker, Washer, Fridge, Freezer, Pots & Pans, Crockery, Table, Chairs, Floor Covering, Light Fittings, Ornaments, Microwave, Toaster, Kettle, Other Electrical Items etc.	
Items in bedroom 1. e.g. Bed, Bedroom Furniture, Carpet, Curtains, Light Fittings, Clock, Bedding, Jewellery, Ornaments, Games, Toys, Towels, Computer, Clothing etc.	
Items in bedroom 2. e.g. Bed, Bedroom Furniture, Carpet, Curtains, Light Fittings, Clock, Bedding, Jewellery, Ornaments, Games, Toys, Towels, Computer, Clothing etc.	
Items in bedroom 3. e.g. Bed, Bedroom Furniture, Carpet, Curtains, Light Fittings, Clock, Bedding, Jewellery, Ornaments, Games, Toys, Towels, Computer, Clothing etc.	
Other items. e.g. Vacuum Cleaner, Tools, Lawnmower, Gardening Equipment etc.	
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#### **How to apply**

The quickest way to apply for this insurance scheme is to complete a digital form:

**Option 1:** Complete the application form in this pack. Make sure that you answer all the questions and insert all applicants' names in the signature box(es) on the declaration page. Once you've completed the form, click the SUBMIT button on the declaration page. Or save the document and email to: info@poplarharca.co.uk

To complete the form in writing and by post:

**Option 2:** Email Poplar HARCA info@poplarharca.co.uk to receive a hard copy form. Make sure you answer all the questions, and sign the declaration.

Once you've completed it, please either post the form to Poplar HARCA, PO Box: 872 Cray Valley Road, Orpington BR6 2JZ, or deliver it (use the mailbox at the front of Poplar HARCA's office) to 155 East India Dock Road, London, E14 6DA.'

#### **Keeping up the payments**

- To make sure that you are always covered you must keep up to date with your payments.
- You will not be allowed to make a claim unless your payments are up to date.
- Your insurance may be cancelled if you don't keep your premiums up to date.

#### **Start date**

Poplar HARCA will write to you with details of your new rent or service charge insurance premium and the date when it starts which will be the date the insurance cover starts.

- Cover will start as soon as your application has been accepted.
- A welcome letter, policy wording, Insurance Product Information Document and certificate
  of insurance detailing the sum insured, premium and cover will be sent to you as soon as
  possible. Your premium will be added to your rent account.

#### What is a Pay As You Go policy?

- By choosing a Pay As You Go policy, we will endeavour to provide you with your policy terms
  including your Certificate of Insurance prior the to Scheme Anniversary.
- The Scheme Anniversary will be the point when we communicate any changes to the terms of your policy, it will also contain a statement of price and information about cancellation.

#### **Special Notes**

- If during the period of your insurance cover your home is likely to be unoccupied (e.g.
  through hospitalisation, extended holiday) for more than 60 days in a row, or if there is any
  change in your risk circumstances such as a change of address, you will have to advise the
  Administrator either in writing or by phone.
- Remember, it is your responsibility to establish that the sum insured is sufficient to cover all
  your household items and personal effects as new.
- You do need to have a clear rent account to be accepted on the scheme.

Poplar HARCA suggests all tenants and leaseholders take out home contents insurance, either through our specialist scheme or by making your own arrangements.

If you wish to apply complete the application form attached.

#### **WEEKLY COST OF INSURANCE**

	Tenants aged 60 and over only		Tenants aged under 60	
Sum Insured	Weekly Premium Standard Cover	Weekly Premium Standard Cover inc Extended Acc Damage	Weekly Premium Standard Cover	Weekly Premium Standard Cover inc Extended Acc Damage
£7,000	£1.16	£1.54	n/a	n/a
£8,000	£1.33	£1.76	n/a	n/a
£9,000	£1.50	£1.98	n/a	n/a
£10,000	£1.66	£2.20	£1.92	£2.84
£11,000	£1.83	£2.42	£2.11	£3.12
£12,000	£2.00	£2.64	£2.30	£3.41
£13,000	£2.16	£2.86	£2.50	£3.69
£14,000	£2.33	£3.08	£2.69	£3.98
£15,000	£2.49	£3.30	£2.88	£4.26
£16,000	£2.66	£3.52	£3.07	£4.54
£17,000	£2.83	£3.74	£3.26	£4.83
£18,000	£2.99	£3.96	£3.46	£5.11
£19,000	£3.16	£4.18	£3.65	£5.40
£20,000	£3.33	£4.40	£3.84	£5.68
£21,000	£3.49	£4.62	£4.03	£5.97
£22,000	£3.66	£4.84	£4.22	£6.25
£23,000	£3.82	£5.06	£4.41	£6.53
£24,000	£3.99	£5.28	£4.61	£6.82
£25,000	£4.16	£5.50	£4.80	£7.10
£26,000	£4.32	£5.72	£4.99	£7.39
£27,000	£4.49	£5.94	£5.18	£7.67
£28,000	£4.66	£6.16	£5.37	£7.95
£29,000	£4.82	£6.38	£5.57	£8.24
£30,000	£4.99	£6.60	£5.76	£8.52
£31,000	£5.15	£6.82	£5.95	£8.81
£32,000	£5.32	£7.04	£6.14	£9.09
£33,000	£5.49	£7.26	£6.33	£9.37
£34,000	£5.65	£7.48	£6.53	£9.66
£35,000	£5.82	£7.70	£6.72	£9.94

All premiums include Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate.

#### **MONTHLY COST OF INSURANCE**

	Tenants aged 60 and over only		Tenants aged under 60	
Sum Insured	Monthly Premium Standard Cover	Monthly Premium Standard Cover inc Extended Acc Damage	Monthly Premium Standard Cover	Monthly Premium Standard Cover inc Extended Acc Damage
£7,000	£5.04	£6.68	n/a	n/a
£8,000	£5.76	£7.63	n/a	n/a
£9,000	£6.48	£8.59	n/a	n/a
£10,000	£7.20	£9.54	£8.32	£12.31
£11,000	£7.93	£10.49	£9.15	£13.54
£12,000	£8.65	£11.45	£9.98	£14.77
£13,000	£9.37	£12.40	£10.81	£16.00
£14.000	£10.09	£13.36	£11.64	£17.23
£15,000	£10.81	£14.31	£12.48	£18.46
£16,000	£11.53	£15.26	£13.31	£19.69
£17,000	£12.25	£16.22	£14.14	£20.93
£18,000	£12.23	£17.17	£14.97	£22.16
£19,000	£13.69	£18.12	£15.80	£23.39
£19,000 £20,000	£14.41	£19.08	£16.64	£24.62
	£15.13	£20.03	£17.47	£25.85
£21,000	£15.13	£20.03	£17.47	£27.08
£22,000				
£23,000	£16.57	£21.94	£19.13	£28.31
£24,000	£17.29	£22.89	£19.96	£29.54
£25,000	£18.01	£23.85	£20.79	£30.77
£26,000	£18.73	£24.80	£21.63	£32.00
£27,000	£19.45	£25.76	£22.46	£33.23
£28,000	£20.17	£26.71	£23.29	£34.47
£29,000	£20.89	£27.66	£24.12	£35.70
£30,000	£21.61	£28.62	£24.95	£36.93
£31,000	£22.33	£29.57	£25.78	£38.16
£32,000	£23.06	£30.53	£26.62	£39.39
£33,000	£23.78	£31.48	£27.45	£40.62
£34,000	£24.50	£32.43	£28.28	£41.85
£35,000	£25.22	£33.39	£29.11	£43.08

All premiums include Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate.

#### **OPTIONAL COVERS**

#### Personal Possessions (cover away from the home)

Sum Insured	Weekly Premium	Monthly Premium
£1,000	£1.46	£6.33
£2,000	£2.92	£12.66
£3,000	£4.38	£19.00

#### **Hearing Aids**

Sum Insured	Weekly Premium	Monthly Premium
£1,000	£1.57	£6.80
£2,000	£3.14	£13.60
£3,000	£4.71	£20.40

#### **Wheelchairs**

Sum Insured	Weekly Premium	Monthly Premium
£1,000	£1.19	£5.15
£2,000	£2.38	£10.30
£3,000	£3.57	£15.45

#### **Structure Cover for: Sheds, Garages & Greenhouses**

Sum	Weekly	Monthly
Insured	Premium	Premium
£500	£0.67	£2.92

All premiums are inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate.

#### **Personal Details**

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Date Received:	Premium £
Start Date:	Policy No

<sup>\*</sup>It is important that the sum insured chosen (in round sums of £1000) is sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of all your household goods and personal effects.

## To be answered by the applicant

PLEASE ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS BELOW. WE CAN ONLY CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION ONCE ALL THESE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED.		
(Please tick the correct box in answer to the questions below)	Yes	No
1. Is your home self-contained with its own separate lockable front door?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
2. Is this property your permanent home and occupied only by yourself and members of your immediate family normally living with you?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
3. Does the amount of insurance you have chosen cover the full cost of replacing all your household goods and personal belongings?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
If you have answered NO to any of the above questions, please give more details below (use a separate sheet if more space is needed).		
4. Do you ever leave your home empty or unattended for more than 60 days in a row?	Yes	No
5. Is your home used for running a business?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
6. Have you or anyone living with you ever been refused insurance or had special terms imposed by an insurer?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
If you have answered YES to any of the above questions, please give more details below (use a separate sheet if more space is needed).		
7. Have any incidents occurred in the last three years which would have caused	Yes	No
you to make a claim for household contents or personal effects, whether or not you were insured at the time?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
If you have answered YES to the above question, please give us the following information (use a separate sheet if more space is needed)		
Date(s) of incident(s)		
What caused the loss (theft, water damage etc.)?		
Value of goods lost or damaged?		
8. Do you or anyone living with you have any unspent criminal convictions other than motoring convictions, or have any prosecutions pending?	Yes	No
If you have answered YES to the above question, please tell us:		
Date of conviction or charge?		
Nature of offence?		
Penalty received (fine, custody etc.)?		
Your age at the time?		

#### **Declaration**

#### PLEASE READ THE DECLARATION BELOW CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT

(to be completed after entering the information requested opposite and overleaf)

- **1.** I/We agree to advise the Administrator if any of the answers to questions 1-8 above should change.
- 2. I/We declare that all questions have been fully completed and the answers are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. Failure to answer truthfully and completely may mean that your policy becomes invalid or does not operate in the event of a claim. If you need assistance please contact your housing officer, or email: info@ poplarharca.co.uk or telephone 0800 035 1991.
- **3.** I/We declare that we understand the contents of this completed application including the important information for applicants on page 8 of this form.
- **4.** I/We declare that Great Lakes Insurance UK Ltd may contact my/our present insurer for further information.
- **5.** I/We undertake to pay the premium when called upon to do so.
- **6.** I/We understand that any incident we give details of in this application may be checked against the Claims and Underwriting Exchange Register run by Insurance Database Services Limited (IDS Ltd). The aim is to help check the information provided and also to prevent fraudulent claims. When you tell us of an incident that occurs in the future, we will pass information relating to this to this register.

#### **Special Note**

If during the period of your insurance cover, your home is likely to be unoccupied (e.g. through hospitalisation, extended holiday) for more than 60 days in a row you must contact the Administrator to establish whether cover can continue.

Signature(s)	Signatur	e(s)
Joint tenants/leaseholders should both sign unless they are married to each other	Joint te	nants/leaseholders should both sign unless they are married to each other
Date		

This document is available in large print and Braille if required.

If you are completing the application form electronically please make sure the form is fully completed and click the 'SUBMIT' button to submit your application. Or save the document and email to: info@poplarharca.co.uk

Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

## **Important Information**

### What is Pay As You Go Home Contents Insurance and what does it cover me for?

Pay As You Go Home Contents Insurance is a tenant and leaseholder insurance policy that provides standard contents cover for your belongings within your home.

## What happens if I take out cover and then change my mind?

The policy provides you with a 14 day cooling-off period to decide whether you wish to continue. This is subject to certain terms, full details are shown in the full policy wording which is available on request.

#### How do I notify a claim under Pay As You Go Home Contents Insurance

To make a claim please contact Ergo Claims Team, MPL Claims Management Limited. Their details can be found in the policy booklet which will be sent to you.

## How do I make a complaint about my Pay As You Go Home Contents policy?

If your complaint is about a claim, you should refer the matter to MPL Claims Management I td

Their contact details are provided below.

Ergo Claims Team MPL Claims Management Limited The Octagon 27 Middleborough Colchester CO11TG

Email: qunderwriting@mplclaims.com

Tel: 0345 060 0030

Alternatively, you can ask your Administrator to refer the matter on for you.

Please quote your policy number in all correspondence so that your concerns may be dealt with speedily.

If we have not resolved your complaint at the end of eight weeks, or if after receiving our final response you remain dissatisfied, you may be able to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. You will have six months from the date of the final response to make this referral.

- The Application Form is a record of the information you provided us with. This information is used to apply terms and conditions to your policy.
- You must ensure that all questions have been <u>fully completed</u> and the answers are <u>true and correct</u> to the best of your knowledge and belief.
- If there are any inaccuracies or omissions let the Administrator know immediately.
- FAILURE TO DO THIS MAY MEAN THAT YOUR POLICY BECOMES INVALID OR DOES NOT OPERATE IN THE EVENT OF CLAIM
- You should keep a copy of all information and correspondence you supply to the administrator in connection with your application. A copy of this form will be supplied on request for a period of three months after its completion.
- You are not covered until your application has been accepted by the Administrator.

#### **Great Lakes Insurance UK Ltd - Important Notice**

#### **Privacy Notice**

Full details of the Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited Privacy Notice are contained in the policy wording.

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