

# **Home Emergency Assistance**

Policy Wording (£1,000 claims limit)



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## CONTRACT OF INSURANCE

#### Introduction

Thank you for purchasing Home Emergency Assistance insurance from Legal Protection Group Limited.

This insurance will provide emergency repairs following an emergency concerning your home which leads to:

- Failure of the main source of heating
- Failure of internal plumbing and drainage
- Infestation of pests
- Lost or broken keys

- Failure of the domestic electric or gas supply
- Loss of function to the only working toilet
- Failure of external windows, doors or locks
- Roof damage

This is **your** Home Emergency Assistance policy document and it provides evidence of the contract between **you** and the **insurer**.

This document forms part of **your** policy, along with any attaching schedule, statement of fact, endorsement or, where applicable, a completed proposal form. Together these documents will give **you** full details of **your** cover, which emergency assistance services are provided and the obligations between **you** and **us** and the **insurer**.

Please carefully read all documents and contact the person who sold **you** this insurance if **you** have any queries or if any information is missing, incorrect or needs to be changed. It is important that **you** inform the person who sold **you** this insurance of any inaccuracies or changes as soon as possible as failure to do so could adversely affect the terms of this insurance, including invalidating this policy or claims being rejected or not fully paid.

Please keep all documents in a safe place in the event you need to refer to its terms and conditions or make a claim.

## Our obligation to you

In return for you paying or agreeing to pay the premium and following an emergency:

- a) we will arrange the emergency assistance services shown in **your** schedule and detailed in this policy wording, subject to its terms, exclusions, conditions and any endorsements; and
- b) the insurer will pay emergency assistance costs which we have agreed to for emergency repairs.

#### Provided that:

- (i) the emergency happens in the territorial limit;
- (ii) the emergency is reported to us upon discovery and within the period of insurance; and
- (iii) an insured person agrees to use an authorised repairer selected by us and agrees to our or the authorised repairer's decision on the most suitable method to resolve the emergency.
- (iv) An insured person agrees to them being at home when the authorised repairer arrives.

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This Home Emergency Assistance insurance is underwritten by Financial & Legal Insurance Company Limited (the **insurer**). Further information concerning the **insurer** can be found in the **General information** section of this policy.

## Information regarding your policy

#### Home maintenance

This insurance is designed to provide cover for an **emergency** only and is not intended to cover matters which can be prevented through routine general maintenance such as servicing the **main source of heating**. This insurance also **does not cover** the cost of replacement parts which tend to wear out over a period of time such as replacing a washer in a tap.

Examples of events *not* classed as an emergency include, but are not limited to:

- Water dripping from a tap and escaping safely down a drain
- A light bulb which no longer works and needs replacing
- A plug fuse which needs replacing
- The main source of heating is making a rattling noise but is still functioning

### Minimising the risk of a home emergency

Routine maintenance can help prevent an **emergency** from happening or can reduce the extent of damage caused to **your home**. The following can help to protect **your home**:

- Regular servicing of gas appliances by a Gas Safe engineer to reduce the risk of a boiler breakdown or a buildup of carbon monoxide
- Getting electrics checked by a registered electrician to reduce the risk of power cuts
- · Cleaning basins, baths and shower drains to prevent the risk of blockages
- Disposing of rubbish and food waste correctly to prevent the risk of an infestation of pests
- Visibly check the roof for any dislodged or damaged tiles which could lead to water ingress

#### **Major emergencies**

If a situation arises which could cause injury to any person or major damage to **your home**, the emergency services should be contacted immediately.

#### Gas leaks

If an **insured person** has reason to believe that there is a gas leak, they should contact the National Gas Emergency Service immediately on **0800 111 999** and follow their instructions.

#### **Power cut**

If **your home** suffers a power cut or outage, firstly check **your** fuse box to make sure one of the fuses has not tripped. If this does not resolve the issue then the relevant utilities company responsible for supplying the service should be contacted.

#### No water supply

If there is no water supply or the water pressure in **your home** has dropped and there are no planned interruptions to **your** water supply, the relevant utilities company responsible for supplying the service should be contacted.

Please note that there is no cover under this insurance for any claim arising from interruption, disconnection or failure of the mains electricity, gas or water supplies.

## What to do if you need to make a claim

In the event of an **emergency**, an **insured person** should contact **our** dedicated emergency assistance helpline immediately upon discovery on **0330 032 0054** 

This helpline is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All calls are recorded for training purposes.

Please have ready your policy number or the name of the organisation who sold you this insurance.

#### Please note the following important information:

- a) Be ready to provide the full address and postcode of your home and supply as much information as possible about what has happened which will help us to give the best possible advice and decide on the most appropriate form of assistance. If we agree that the emergency requires the attendance of a contractor to carry out emergency repairs, we will always appoint an authorised repairer.
- b) Under no circumstances should an insured person instruct a contractor or incur any emergency assistance costs before we have agreed to help as the insurer will not pay any costs incurred without our agreement.
- c) The authorised repairer will always aim to carry out emergency repairs within the timescales given to an insured person but this may not always be possible and weather or traffic conditions or excessive demand could adversely affect these timescales. We will always let the insured person know of any delays as soon as possible.
- d) The authorised repairer will attempt to carry out a temporary repair and it is then your responsibility to carry out any subsequent permanent repair. Where a permanent repair is no more costly than a temporary repair, the authorised repairer will attempt a permanent repair but this will always depend on the circumstances and type of emergency.
- e) If the cost of emergency repairs are likely to exceed the maximum amount the insurer will pay for each emergency (see Meaning of words and terms – emergency assistance costs), the authorised repairer can continue to provide emergency repairs, subject to your agreement, but you will be responsible for any additional costs.
- f) We will not provide cover for an **emergency** if it happens or was known about before the start date of this insurance or within 72 hours of the start date if this insurance is taken out separately to another insurance policy (such as **your** home insurance).
- g) If we are unable to cover an insured person's claim then, subject to the extent of work required, we may still be able to arrange for an authorised repairer to visit your home but this will be under a separate agreement between you and the authorised repairer and all costs will be your responsibility.

## Meaning of words and terms

The following words or phrases have the same meaning wherever they appear in this policy document:

adverse weather	a period of weather defined as:
conditions	a) wind with gusts of at least 48 knots (55 miles per hour); or
	b) torrential rainfall at a rate of 25 millimetres per hour; or
	c) snow to a depth of at least 30 centimetres in 24 hours; or
	d) hail of such intensity that it causes damage to hard surfaces or breaks glass.  For the avoidance of any doubt, adverse weather conditions at the time of the
	emergency will only be corroborated by us using Met Office data.
authorised repairer	An appropriate tradesperson, appointed by <b>us</b> , to respond to the <b>emergency</b> .
beyond economic repair	The point where the <b>authorised repairer</b> decides the cost of repairing <b>your main</b>
beyond economic repair	source of heating (including labour and parts) is more than its value. This will take into
	account its age, make and model.
domestic electric or gas	The permanent electrical wiring system or gas supply pipe which supplies domestic
supply	power to your home through your electricity or gas supply meter and which you are
11.7	legally responsible for. This does not include the mains electricity or external gas
	supply which is the responsibility of the relevant utility company.
emergency	A sudden and unforeseen incident which needs to be dealt with immediately to avoid:
	a) causing damage or further damage to your home;
	b) making your home unsafe, insecure or uninhabitable;
	c) leaving your home without any domestic electric or gas supply, internal
	plumbing and drainage or main source of heating; or
amarganay agaistanaa	d) exposing any person to a risk to their health and/or to their safety.
emergency assistance costs	The insurer will pay the following:  a) for insured incident 9 Overnight Accommodation – up to £100 (including VAT)
Costs	per insured person subject to a total maximum amount payable of £250 (including
	VAT); and
	b) for all other insured incidents – up to £1,000 (including VAT) to cover an
	authorised repairer's call-out charge, labour costs and, where necessary, parts
	and materials.
emergency repairs	Repairs and/or work carried out by an authorised repairer to resolve the immediate
	emergency. This may involve a temporary repair or a permanent repair (if this is no
	more costly than a temporary repair).
home	The private residence that <b>you</b> own and permanently live in, that has no more than 5
	bedrooms, which is located in the <b>territorial limit</b> . This <b>does not include</b> : <b>a)</b> gates, walls, fences, hedges, garages (other than integral garages), sheds,
	greenhouses and any other outbuildings not designed to be permanently lived in;
	b) cesspits, fuel tanks, septic tanks or swimming pools; and
	c) any shared facilities or communal parts of a property where you do not have sole
	responsibility.
insured person	You and any person who lives in or is staying at your home with your permission.
insurer	Financial & Legal Insurance Company Limited.
internal plumbing and	The water pipework, water storage and waste water drainage system which you are
drainage	legally responsible for. This <b>does not include</b> supply pipes or drainage systems which
	are the responsibility of the relevant utility company.
main source of heating	The main gas, electric or oil fuelled hot water or central heating system in your home.
	This does not include any form of non-domestic heating, warm air systems or any form
	of solar power.
period of insurance	The period of time covered by this policy as shown in <b>your</b> schedule and any further
normanont ronair	period(s) this insurance is renewed for.
permanent repair	Repairs and/or work required to put right the fault which caused the <b>emergency</b> on a permanent basis. An <b>authorised repairer</b> may be able to complete this if it can be
	carried out during the same emergency and at no more cost than a temporary repair,
	otherwise this will be your responsibility.
pests	Wasps' or hornets' nests, brown or black rats or house or field mice.
temporary repair	Repairs and/or work carried out by an <b>authorised repairer</b> to immediately resolve the
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	emergency but which will need to be replaced by a permanent repair.
territorial limit	England Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
we, us, our	Legal Protection Group Limited, who administer and manage this insurance on behalf
	of the insurer.
you, your	The person named in the schedule who has purchased this insurance.

## **Insured incidents**

Note the **insurer** will pay up to a maximum of 5 claims per **period of insurance**.

## Insured incident 1 – Main Source of Heating

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
<b>Emergency repairs</b> following an <b>emergency</b> which occurs as a result of the complete failure to function or breakdown of the <b>main source of heating</b> in <b>your home</b> .	The cost of, or contribution towards, replacing the main source of heating if it is beyond economic repair.
	Any claim that is as a result of lack of maintenance or neglect including where an annual boiler service has not been completed.
	Boilers that are over 15 years of age or over 238,000 btu net output (70 Kilowatt)
	Underfloor heating

## Insured incident 2 – Domestic Electric or Gas Supply

	What you are not covered for
Emergency repairs following an emergency which	Domestic appliances or any electrical items with a plug.
occurs as a result of a complete failure of the domestic electric or gas supply in your home.	Replacement of lightbulbs, fuses or routine electrical maintenance.

## Insured incident 3 - Internal Plumbing and Drainage

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
<b>Emergency repairs</b> following an <b>emergency</b> which occurs as a result of a failure, blockage, leak or damage	Any excavation or trace and access costs
to the internal plumbing and drainage in your home.	Repair work to or the cost of replacing lead pipework.
	Replacement of showers, sanitaryware, basins, taps, radiator valves, central heating radiators, water tanks.

## Insured incident 4 - Toilet Unit

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
Emergency repairs following an emergency which	Any excavation or trace and access costs
occurs as a result of a failure, blockage, leak or damage to the toilet bowl or cistern in <b>your home</b> .	Replacement of any sanitaryware.
Please note that an authorised repairer will not be able to assist if there is any other functioning toilet in your home at the time of the emergency which an insured person is able to access.	Repair work to or the cost of replacing lead pipework.

## **Insured incident 5 – Pest Infestation**

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
Emergency repairs following an emergency which occurs as a result of an infestation of pests in your home.	

## Insured incident 6 - Windows, Doors and Locks

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
<b>Emergency repairs</b> following an <b>emergency</b> which occurs as a result of failure to function or damage to the external doors, windows or locks in <b>your home</b> .	
Please note that:	
(i) there is no cover for any internal doors, glass or locks; and	
(ii) an authorised repairer will attempt to make your home safe and secure which may involve boarding up windows and/or repairing broken locks.	

## Insured incident 7 - Lost or Broken Keys

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
Emergency repairs following an emergency which occurs as a result of the keys to your home unexpectedly breaking, becoming lost or getting locked inside your home and there is no immediate access to a spare set.	
Please note that an authorised repairer will attempt to gain access to your home and where necessary, make it safe and secure which may involve boarding up windows and/or repairing broken locks.	

## Insured incident 8 - Roof Damage

This cover only applies if you are the freeholder (where you own your home outright and are responsible for the repair and maintenance of the exterior and/or common parts) and not if you are the leaseholder (where you are only responsible for the repair and maintenance of the internal features of your home).

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
Emergency repairs to the roof of your home following an emergency which occurs as a result of adverse weather conditions or fallen trees.	
Please note that:	
(i) an authorised repairer will attempt to prevent any further damage or water ingress which may involve using a tarpaulin or similar material to resolve the emergency; and	
(ii) loss or damage to buildings and/or contents may be covered under your home insurance policy which may include the costs of a permanent repair.	

## **Insured incident 9 – Overnight Accommodation**

What you are covered for	What you are not covered for
The <b>insurer</b> will pay up to £100 (including VAT) per <b>insured person</b> subject to a total maximum amount payable of £250 (including VAT) for the cost of one night's alternative accommodation (room and, where necessary, cost of transport only) if, as a result of an <b>emergency we</b> have agreed to cover under this insurance, an <b>authorised repairer</b> agrees that <b>your home</b> is uninhabitable.	
Please note that you are responsible for paying the costs of the accommodation which will then be reimbursed by the insurer as long as you provide all valid receipts within 30 days of the emergency.	

## General exclusions applying to the whole policy

#### There is no cover for:

#### 1) Claims arising before or within 72 hours of this insurance starting

Any claim where the **emergency** or event happened or was known about:

- a) before this insurance started; or
- b) within the first 72 hours of the start date of this policy if this insurance is taken out separately to any other insurance policy (e.g. **your** home insurance policy).

#### 2) Costs incurred and action taken which we have not authorised

- a) Any emergency assistance costs incurred:
  - (i) before we have been notified of a request for emergency repairs; and/or
  - (ii) which we have not authorised or for work which has not been carried out by an authorised repairer.
- b) Any action taken by an insured person which we or the authorised repairer have not agreed to.

#### 3) Wear and tear

Any claim for items or parts which need to be replaced as a result of natural wear and tear including, but not limited to, tap washers, light bulbs, fuses in plugs or the cost of updating essential services including re-wiring of internal electrics.

#### 4) Failure to carry out home maintenance

Any claim which would have been prevented through routine maintenance of **your home** including, but not limited to, servicing of the **main source of heating** and removing debris from guttering and drain pipes.

#### 5) Failure to carry out remedial work or permanent repairs

Any claim where an **insured person** has failed to carry out remedial work recommended to them or where an **authorised repairer** has carried out a **temporary repair** and an **emergency** has recurred due to an **insured person's** failure to subsequently carry out a **permanent repair**.

#### 6) Warranties, design faults and incorrect installations or repairs

Any emergency assistance costs or emergency repairs which are:

- a) covered by a manufacturer's, supplier's or installer's warranty or guarantee;
- b) a result of a manufacturing or design defect, or maintenance, installation or repairs not carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or legal or regulatory requirements.

#### 7) Unoccupied or second homes and rented or let properties

Any claim where your home:

- a) has remained unoccupied for the last 30 days in a row; and/or
- b) is not occupied by anybody aged 18 or over when an **authorised repairer** arrives at **your home** to attend to an **emergency**; and/or
- c) is rented to you, is let by you or is not your principal place of residence.

#### 8) Damage caused during repairs and losses not directly covered

Any costs arising from:

- a) damage caused to your home as a result of an approved repairer having to gain access to your home or to access the source of the emergency including, but not limited to, tracing leaking pipes behind walls or under floors (depending on the circumstances, the approved repairer will attempt to carry out emergency repairs but there is no cover under this insurance to reinstate your home to its original condition, although this may be covered under your household insurance);
- b) losses which are not directly covered by this insurance including, but not limited to, replacing damaged personal belongings or loss of earnings if the emergency results in an insured person having to take time off work.

#### Wilful acts

Any claim resulting from an act which is wilfully carried out and the outcome of which is consciously intended by an **insured person**.

## General exclusions applying to the whole policy (continued)

#### There is no cover for:

#### 10) Health and safety and restricted access

Any claim which cannot be dealt with due to health and safety regulations or a risk to the safety of an **approved repairer**. This may include, but is not limited to, dangerous weather conditions or the discovery of a substance requiring specialist attention such as asbestos.

#### 11) Mains utility services

Any claim arising from interruption, disconnection or failure of the mains electricity, gas or water supplies, however they are caused.

#### 12) Subsidence

Any claim arising from subsidence, heave or landslip.

#### 13) War, terrorism, radioactive contamination and pressure waves

Any claim resulting directly or indirectly from or in connection with:

- a) war, terrorism, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, uprising, military or usurped power;
- b) ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
- the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component of it;
- d) pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speed.

#### 14) Maximum number of claims

More than 5 claims per period of insurance.

#### 15) Sanctions

Any payment or provision of any other benefit under this policy if the insurer is prevented from doing so by any sanction, prohibition or restriction under the United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, the United Kingdom or the United States of America. The economic sanctions of the United States of America shall only apply where they do not violate European or local legal regulations.

## General conditions applying to the whole policy

An **insured person** must keep to these conditions as failure to do so may lead to **us** refusing a claim or cancelling this insurance (please refer to **condition 8**)

### 1) An insured person's obligations

#### An insured person must:

- a) keep to the terms and conditions of this policy;
- b) take all reasonable precautions to prevent a claim from occurring under this policy and to avoid incurring any unnecessary costs;
- c) ensure that **your home** and its systems and equipment are maintained in a good state of repair and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- d) co-operate fully with us and the authorised repairer and provide honest and accurate information at all times:
- accept our or the authorised repairer's decision on the most suitable method of emergency repairs or choice of replacement parts used to resolve the emergency;
- f) ensure that a **permanent repair** is completed as soon as possible following a **temporary repair** in order to prevent an **emergency** from recurring.

#### 2) Our rights

#### We can:

- a) reclaim emergency assistance costs from an insured person if emergency repairs are completed but it
  is subsequently established that the request for emergency assistance was not covered by this insurance;
- b) pursue another party (who is not an insured person under this insurance) to recover emergency assistance costs paid by the insurer if we believe that party to be responsible for causing the emergency. In these circumstances, an insured person must allow us to take over and conduct any claim in their name and the insured person must also provide us with any help and information we need.

#### 3) Liability for additional costs and disruption in service

- a) The insurer is only liable for emergency assistance costs following an emergency and any other costs subsequently incurred to complete a permanent repair or any other work carried out are not covered by this insurance and are subject to a separate agreement between an insured person and another contractor (including an authorised repairer).
- b) We and an authorised repairer will make every effort to provide the emergency assistance services described in this policy but cannot be held responsible for any liability arising from a failure to provide these services in circumstances which are beyond our or the authorised repairer's reasonable control, such as severe weather conditions.

#### 4) Parts availability

- a) Where an authorised repairer does not carry the spare parts needed for emergency repairs, we or the authorised repairer will attempt to source replacement parts but cannot be held responsible for any delays in sourcing replacement parts which arise from circumstances beyond our or the authorised repairer's control.
- b) In order to carry out **emergency repairs**, the spare or replacement parts used by the **authorised repairer** may not be from the original manufacturer and may not be a like-for-like replacement.

#### 5) Other insurance and apportionment of costs

If any **emergency assistance costs** covered by this insurance are also covered under an alternative insurance policy, or would have been covered if this insurance did not exist, the **insurer** will only pay their share of these costs.

#### 6) Disputes with us

If there is a dispute between **you** and **us** over this policy, which cannot be resolved through **our** internal complaints handling process, **you** are entitled to seek a resolution through the Financial Ombudsman Service.

#### 7) Parts availability

- c) Where an authorised repairer does not carry the spare parts needed for emergency repairs, we or the authorised repairer will attempt to source replacement parts but cannot be held responsible for any delays in sourcing replacement parts which arise from circumstances beyond our or the authorised repairer's control.
- d) In order to carry out **emergency repairs**, the spare or replacement parts used by the **authorised repairer** may not be from the original manufacturer and may not be a like-for-like replacement.

## General conditions applying to the whole policy (continued)

#### 8) Other insurance and apportionment of costs

If any **emergency assistance costs** covered by this insurance are also covered under an alternative insurance policy, or would have been covered if this insurance did not exist, the **insurer** will only pay their share of these costs.

#### 9) Disputes with us

If there is a dispute between **you** and **us** over this policy, which cannot be resolved through **our** internal complaints handling process, **you** are entitled to seek a resolution through the Financial Ombudsman Service.

#### 10) Your cancellation rights

#### a) Cooling-off period

**You** can cancel this insurance, without giving any reason, within 14 days of its start date or within 14 days of receiving **your** policy documents, whichever is later. If **you** wish to exercise this right, **you** must notify the person who sold **you** this insurance. **You** will be entitled to a full refund of premium paid as long as an **insured person** has not made a claim under this insurance during the current **period of insurance**.

#### b) Outside the cooling-off period

You can cancel this insurance at any other time, subject to providing the person who sold you this insurance with 7 days' notice. As long as an **insured person** has not made a claim under this insurance during the current **period of insurance** and subject to the terms of business between you and the person who sold you this insurance, you may be entitled to a partial refund of premium.

In the event of cancellation, the person who sold **you** this insurance may apply an administration charge. Please contact them for more information on any charges.

#### 11) Our cancellation rights

#### a) General

**We** can cancel this insurance at any time, where there is a valid reason to do so, subject to providing **you** with 7 days' notice. Reasons for cancellation may include, but are not strictly limited to:

- (i) an **insured person** has failed to co-operate with **us** or an **authorised repairer** and this failure has significantly hindered **our** ability to deal with a claim or administer this insurance;
- (ii) where we or an authorised repairer have reason to believe that your home is not being maintained to a good state of repair.

#### b) Fraudulent or dishonest claims

If we have evidence that an **insured person** has made a fraudulent, dishonest or exaggerated claim, or has deliberately misled **us** or an **authorised repairer** when presenting relevant information in support of a claim, we reserve the right to cancel this insurance from the date of the alleged claim or misrepresentation and recover from **you** any costs paid in respect of that claim which the **insurer** otherwise would not have paid. If fraudulent activity or false or inaccurate information is identified, we may, at **our** discretion, pass details to fraud prevention or law enforcement agencies who have the right to access and use this information, which could result in a prosecution.

#### 12) Persons involved in this contract of insurance

Unless expressly stated otherwise, any person who is not a party to this insurance has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of the terms of this insurance.

#### 13) Choice of law and Acts of Parliament

- a) Unless otherwise agreed by **us** in writing, this insurance is governed by the laws applying to England and Wales.
- b) Any Acts of Parliament or Statutory Instruments referred to in this insurance shall include equivalent legislation in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and shall also include any subsequent amending or replacement legislation.

#### **General information**

#### The insurer

This insurance is underwritten by Financial & Legal Insurance Company Limited, 5400 Lakeside, Cheadle Royal Business Park, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 3GQ. Registered in England under Company No. 03034220.

Financial & Legal Insurance Company Limited is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. FCA Reference Number 202915

#### **The Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

The **insurer** is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) and **you** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if the **insurer** cannot meet their obligations. This will depend on the circumstances of the claim.

Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements can be found on the FSCS website at www.fscs.org.uk

#### **Financial and Legal Data protection notice**

The **Insurer** acts as the Data Controller. How the **Insurer** uses and looks after the personal information is set out below.

Information may be used by the **Insurer**, agents and service providers for the purposes of insurance administration, underwriting, claims handling or for statistical purposes.

The lawful basis for the processing is that it is necessary for the **Insurer** to process **your** personal information to enable the performance of the insurance contract, to administer **your** policy of insurance and/or handle any insurance claim **you** may submit to the **Insurer** under this Policy. The processing of **your** personal data may also be necessary to comply with any legal obligation the **Insurer** may have and to protect **your** interest during the course of any claim.

#### What we process and share

The personal data **you** have provided, the **Insurer** has collected from **you**, or the **Insurer** has received from third parties may include **your**:

- Name; date of birth, residential address and address history.
- Contact details such as email address and telephone numbers.
- Financial and employment details.
- Identifiers assigned to your computer or other internet connected device including your Internet Protocol (IP)
  address.
- Health or criminal conviction information.
- Vehicle or household details.
- Any information which you have provided in support of your insurance claim.

The **Insurer** may receive information about **you** from the following sources:

- Your insurance broker.
- From third parties such as credit reference agencies and fraud prevention agencies.
- From insurers, witnesses, the Police (in regards to incidents) and solicitors, Appointed Representatives.
- Directly from you.

The **Insurer** will not pass **your** information to any third parties except to enable them to process **your** claim, prevent fraud and comply with legal and regulatory requirements. In which case they may need to share **your** information with the following third parties within the EU:

- Solicitors or other Appointed Representatives.
- Underwriters, Reinsurers, Regulators and Authorised/Statutory Bodies. Fraud and crime prevention agencies, including the Police.

Other suppliers carrying out a service on the Insurer's, or your behalf.

The **Insurer** will not use **your** information for marketing further products or services to **you** or pass **your** information on to any other organisation or person for sales and marketing purposes without **your** consent.

#### **Data Retention**

The **Insurer** will hold **your** details for up to seven years after the expiry of **your** policy, complaint and/or claims settlement.

#### Your rights

Your personal data is protected by legal rights, which include your\_rights to:

- Object to our processing of your personal data.
- Request that your personal data is erased or corrected.

- Request access to your personal data and data portability.
- Complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, which regulates the processing of personal data.

You can request to see what data the Insurer holds on you, there is no charge for this service.

If you have any questions about the **Insurer's** privacy policy or the information they hold about you please contact the **Insurer**.

#### **LPG** Data protection notice

In order to manage this insurance, including the provision of helpline services, claims handling, underwriting and other administrative duties, **we** may need to share personal information which has been given to **us** with other parties such as insurers, insurance intermediaries, law firms, experts, regulatory authorities or agents providing services to **us** or on **our** behalf. **We** will only request necessary information from an **insured person** and will only use it and disclose it in the course of arranging and administering this insurance.

Any personal information **we** hold about an **insured person** will be retained by **us** for a period of seven years after this insurance expires and in any event, for the minimum periods required by relevant laws and regulations. This information may need to be retained for legal and regulatory reasons and for legitimate business purposes including (but not strictly limited to) establishing, pursuing or defending legal claims.

Sometimes **we** may need to send an **insured person's** personal information to agents based outside of the European Economic Area and in doing so will ensure that those agents apply the same levels of confidentiality, protection and security that are applied by **us**.

In arranging and managing this insurance and administering claims, we will comply with the provisions of the Data Protection legislation which is directly applicable in the United Kingdom (this includes the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (otherwise known as GDPR) as well as any subsequent amending or replacement Data Protection legislation which is directly applicable in the United Kingdom) and unless required to do so by law or a professional body, will not disclose an **insured person's** personal data to any other person or organisation without their consent.

You can find full details of our privacy policy on our website www.legalprotectiongroup.co.uk

More information on the Data Protection Act and the principles in place to protect personal information can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>

An **insured person** has a right to obtain information **we** hold about them. This is called a Subject Access Request and in order to obtain such information, please write to:

The Data Protection Officer, Legal Protection Group Limited, 8 Pinkers Court, Briarlands Office Park, Gloucester Road, Rudgeway, Bristol BS35 3QH

If an **insured person** has a concern about the way **we** have handled their personal data, then they have the right to report this to the Information Commissioner's Office:

Website: https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Phone: 0303 123 1113 (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

#### What to do if you have a complaint

We are committed to providing you with excellent customer service, but we accept that occasionally things go wrong.

We take all complaints seriously and have a commitment across our business to treat all customers fairly. Where we have made a mistake, we want to put things right quickly.

If **you** are not happy with the standard of service provided by **us**, please let **us** know:

Email: complaints@legalprotectiongroup.co.uk

• Phone: 0333 700 1040 (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)

Post: Customer Service Department, Legal Protection Group Limited, 8 Pinkers Court, Briarlands
Office Park, Gloucester Road, Rudgeway, Bristol BS35 3QH

#### As soon as a complaint is received:

All complaints will be acknowledged in writing within five business days of receipt. If the complaint can be resolved within five business days, **our** letter will also outline the result of **our** investigation.

If **our** investigation is not resolved within five business days, **we** will aim to respond within four weeks of receiving the complaint.

If the complaint is about another party, such as a service provider, **we** will refer details of the complaint to that other party and confirm this course of action to **you** in writing.

#### After we have investigated the complaint:

We will write to you immediately notifying you of the outcome of our investigation. We will also advise that if you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service within the next six months\*.

#### If we cannot resolve the complaint within 4 weeks:

We will write to you and inform you that our investigation is continuing, giving the reasons for the delay and a date by which we expect to be able to contact you again.

#### If we cannot resolve the complaint within 8 weeks:

We will inform you of the reasons for the further delay and advise that if you are not satisfied with our progress then you may refer the complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service within the next six months\*.

\*If you do not refer your complaint within the six month period, the insurer will not permit the Financial Ombudsman Service to consider your complaint and will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances such as where they believe that the delay in notifying your complaint was as a result of exceptional circumstances.

The Financial Ombudsman Service can be contacted:

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Phone: 0800 023 4567 (free from a landline) or 0300 123 9123 (free from some mobile phones)

Post: Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR

You can also visit www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk and follow the guidelines on how to complain and to also check their eligibility criteria.

Important: This complaints notification procedure does not affect your right to take legal action.

