

Hiscox Fine Art Insurance

Policy wording



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Introduction	A seamless integrated insurance solution.
	Please read your policy wording, together with any endorsements and your schedule , very carefully and keep them in a safe place. If anything is incorrect or changes, please notify us immediately.
	These General terms and conditions apply to your policy . Your schedule will state whether your policy includes home, fine art and/or motor cover.
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General definitions	Words shown in bold type have the same meaning throughout your policy and are defined below. Any extra definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.
Amount insured	The most we will pay as shown in your schedule .
Artificial intelligence	Any machine learning, logical, statistical or other algorithm in computer or digital technology that can:
	 perform tasks or generate outputs, including but not limited to, actions, content, decisions, predictions or recommendations; or
	2. adapt or vary its operation proactively, or in response to inputs.
Communicable disease	Any communicable, infectious or contagious disease, including any related variation, strain, virus, complex or syndrome.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Computer or digital	Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the:
technology error	1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or
	 ongoing operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of,
	any computer or digital technology.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, attempting or resulting in:
	1. access to;
	2. extraction of information from;
	3. disruption of access to or the operation of; or
	4. damage to:
	any data or computer or digital technology, including but not limited to any:
	a. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
	b. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Endorsement	A change to the terms of your policy agreed by us in writing.



European Union	The countries within the European Union.
Excess	The amount you are required to pay as the first part of each agreed claim.
Hacker	Any artificial intelligence , entity or person, including any employee of yours , who gains or attempts to gain unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:
	1. computer or digital technology; or
	2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
	This definition does not apply to the Personal cyber section of your policy .
Nuclear risks	1. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;
	 any products or services which include, involve or relate in any way to anything in 1. above, or the storage, handling or disposal of anything in a. above; or
	 all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in 1. or 2. above is located.
Period of insurance	The time for which your policy is in force as shown in your schedule.
Policy	This insurance document and your schedule , including any endorsements . Your schedule will state whether you have selected home, fine art and/or motor covers.
Programs	A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment, systems or devices.
Schedule	The document showing your name, your address and your insurance details that we sent you when we accepted this insurance or following any subsequent amendment to your cover, whichever is the more recent.
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by any artificial intelligence , entity or person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property to which such third-party is not entitled.
Solar weather	Solar flares, solar eruptions or bursts including plasma bubbles or ejections, magnetic field or magnetosphere fluctuations or disruptions.
Terrorism	An act, or the threat of an act, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, that:
	1. is committed for political, religious, ideological, racial or similar purposes; and
	 is intended to influence any government or an international governmental organisation or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and
	a. involves violence against one or more persons;
	b. involves damage to property;
	c. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action;
	d. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
	e. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.
United Kingdom	England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.
War	War (whether declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.
We/us/our	The insurer named in your schedule in respect of each section of your policy.



Our promise to you	We will:	
	1.	cover you in accordance with the terms and conditions of your policy in return for the premium you pay; and
	2.	validate and pay covered claims as quickly and efficiently as possible.
Your promise to us	You	ı must:
	1.	take care when providing any information we ask for and ensure that it is true, accurate and complete. Tell us or your broker if this information changes. If you are in any doubt, please talk to us or your broker. We will tell you if a change in information affects your insurance; and
	2.	comply with the terms and conditions of your policy , including the terms of each section.
		bu do not, it may affect the validity of your policy , our ability to pay a claim or the amount pay in respect of a claim.
How to make a claim	In o	rder for us to deal with your claim you must:
	1.	tell us or your broker as soon as possible if something has happened which may result in a claim. If a crime has been committed, you must also tell the police as soon as possible and you must provide us with a crime reference number;
	2.	not admit responsibility or make any offer of payment without our prior agreement;
	3.	send any correspondence regarding a claim to us or your broker if you have one, as soon as you can;
	4.	give us all the co-operation we need to investigate and resolve your claim, including providing evidence of the value of any items involved in a claim as well as any other relevant information and documents we may reasonably require;
	5.	allow us to take over and deal with the defence or settlement of any claim in your name, if you are being held responsible for causing an injury or damage to property; and
	6.	allow us to start recovery proceedings in your name and give us all the assistance we need to do this.
		bu do not, we may reduce any payment we make under your policy by an amount equal the detriment we have suffered as a result of your failure to comply with these obligations.
		I must also comply with any other conditions contained within the specific sections of Ir policy .
Information you have given us		
Reasonable care	1.	The information you give to us is important as we use this in setting the terms and premium for your policy . You must take reasonable care not to give us information that is untrue, incomplete or inaccurate.
Deliberately or recklessly given information	2.	Occasionally, we are deliberately or recklessly given false information. If this happens we will treat your policy as if it never existed and refuse all claims. You must repay any payments already made by us under your policy and we will not return the premium to you .
Carelessly given information	3.	If you acted carelessly when giving us your information, several things could happen:
		 a. if we provided insurance cover that we would not otherwise have offered, we will treat this insurance as if it had never existed. If this happens, we will give you back your premium and you must repay any payments already made by us under your policy;



	 b. if we would have insured you on different terms, we will amend your policy retrospectively and apply these amended terms to all claims under your policy, including any claims you have already made; or
	c. if we would have charged you more premium if you had provided accurate information we may reduce proportionately the amount we pay for a claim. To calculate this we will divide the premium we actually charged by the premium we would have charged and multiply this figure by the amount of the agreed claim.
	Paragraphs 3. b. and c. above do not apply where:
	 the information concerned relates to the value of any physical property covered under your policy; and
	ii. the underinsurance condition in Your home and personal possession section applies.
Changes to information	4. If there are any significant or material changes during the period of insurance to any information you have given us , you must let us know as soon as possible. This includes anything that could result in any limit within your policy not being sufficient, such as acquiring new property. We may then change the terms of your policy , charge an additional premium or cancel your policy in accordance with the cancellation condition.
	If you do not tell us about such change, we will be entitled to the remedies set out unde 3. a. to c. above with effect from the date of the change.
	You do not need to tell us about any newly acquired property covered under 'New possessions' in Your home and personal possessions section, where you benefit from that additional cover.
Your obligations	You must:
5	1. always try to prevent accident or injury and protect your property against loss or damage
	2. keep your property in good condition and repair; and
	 arrange for urgent repairs to be undertaken as soon as possible, if such repairs are needed to prevent further damage.
	If you do not, we may reduce any payment we make under your policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result of your failure to comply with these obligations.
Full value	You must ensure that the amount insured represents the full value of the property covered under your policy , as set out below:
	 for buildings, the full value is the estimated cost of rebuilding the buildings to the same specification, including fees and expenses involved in the rebuilding. This is not the same as the market value.
	2. for tenant's improvement, the full value is the cost to repair or replace as new.
	3. for contents, the full value is the current cost as new.
	 for jewellery, watches and valuable items that are not specified individually, the full value is the higher of the replacement cost and the current market value.
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Governing law	1.	Unless agreed otherwise in writing, your policy is governed by the law, and any disputes in relation to your policy will be dealt with in the courts, of the country within the United Kingdom in which your main residence is situated. If your main residence is not in the United Kingdom , the law and courts of England and Wales will apply.
The most we will pay	2.	When a claim is made, we will only ever pay up to the relevant amount insured .



Multiple insureds	3.	If more than one person is entitled to cover under your policy , the total amount we will pay following a claim will not exceed the amount we would be liable to pay to any one such person. Unless you have advised us otherwise, we will pay each person named in your schedule their respective share of such claim.
Fraudulent claims	4.	If any claim is in any way dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent then we will:
		 refuse to make any payment in respect of the dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent claim;
		b. tell you that we are terminating your policy and back-date the termination to the date of the dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud;
		 refuse to make any payment under your policy in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring on or after the date of the dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud; and
		d. not return any premium.
		If we discover any dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud, we:
		 have the right to terminate any other products you hold with us and share information about your behaviour with other organisations to prevent further dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud; and
		b. may involve the relevant authorities who are empowered to bring criminal proceedings.
		If a dishonest, exaggerated or fraudulent claim has been made under any other policy you hold with us , we may terminate your policy .
		If we have paid any claims after the date of any dishonesty, exaggeration or fraud, you must pay us back.
Third parties	5.	No third party will have any right, or be able to enforce any term of your policy , under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or any similar or successor legislation. This does not affect the rights or remedies available to a third party which exist apart from this Act.
Cooling-off	6.	a. If for any reason you feel that your policy is not right for you, you can cancel your policy within 14 days of insuring with us. If you have not made a claim, we will return your premium in full.
Cancellation by you		b. You can cancel your policy by notifying us at any time. If you cancel after the first 15 days and have not made a claim, we will return a pro-rata proportion of your premium.
		However, this does not apply to the Travel section of your policy .
		We will never charge you a fee for cancelling your policy.
Cancellation by us	7.	a. We may cancel your policy, but we will only do so for a valid reason and only after giving you at least 30 days' notice, which will be sent by recorded post to the correspondence address shown in your schedule.
		This does not apply to the Motor physical damage or Motor third-party liability sections of your policy , where applicable.
		b. If we cover you under the Motor physical damage or Motor third-party liability sections of your policy, we may cancel those sections by giving you 14 days' notice, which will be sent by recorded post to the correspondence address shown in your schedule.
		If we cancel your policy or any section of your policy for any reason, we will return a pro-rata proportion of your premium, provided you have not made a claim.
		However, this does not apply to the Travel section of your policy .
Premium instalments	8.	If we have agreed that you can pay us the premium by instalments and we have not received an instalment 15 days after the due date, we may cancel your policy. We will contact you before we cancel your policy in order to give you the opportunity to pay any premium due to us. If your policy is cancelled, the period of insurance will equate



		to the period for which premium instalments have been paid to us . We will confirm the cancellation and amended period of insurance to you in writing.
Renewal	9.	We will write to you or your broker if you have one, at least 21 days in advance of your renewal date with our offer to renew, or to give you plenty of time to make other arrangements if we are unable to renew your policy. The renewal offer will include the premium and any changes in the terms and conditions for the next period of insurance which, unless you have advised us otherwise, will automatically proceed if you continue to pay your premium. Where we have agreed to collect this premium automatically, we will continue to do so unless you tell us differently. If you do not wish to renew your insurance please let us know before the renewal date of your policy.
		wrote to you with our offer to renew at the address shown in your schedule, but before your renewal date, we may adjust the terms of your insurance and your renewal premium accordingly. If we are unable to renew your policy, we will let you know.
Premium payment	10.	We will not make any payment under your policy unless you have paid the premium due to us.
		If you make a claim under your policy , we will keep the premium that is due to us . If you pay your premium by instalment we will ask you to either continue paying your premium by instalment or we may deduct any outstanding instalment from any claim payment we have agreed to make.
Cover under multiple sections	11.	Where you , or anyone else entitled to cover under your policy , are entitled to cover under more than one section of your policy in respect of the same claim or loss, or any part of a claim or loss, we shall only provide cover under one section of your policy , being the section that provides the most advantageous cover to you or the party entitled to cover.
Sanctions	12.	We shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or loss or provide any benefit under your policy to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or loss or provision of such benefit would expose us , or would in our reasonable view give rise to any appreciable risk of exposing us , to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union , United Kingdom , United States of America, or of any other relevant jurisdiction.
What is not covered	vari with	e exclusions set out below apply to each and every section of your policy and shall not be ed by any other provisions in your policy . Where the exclusions below are not consistent any other provision in your policy , these exclusions apply and shall override the possistent provision.
		ddition, other exclusions apply to your policy and these are included in the particular tions of your policy to which they apply.
	We	do not cover any claim, loss, damage or liability:
Deliberate acts	1.	arising out of a deliberate or dishonest act by you or anyone acting on your behalf.
Terrorism	2.	directly or indirectly due to:
		a. biological or chemical contamination; orb. any failure in the supply of gas, water, electricity or phone service to your home,
		which is caused by terrorism .
Nuclear and radiation	3.	directly or indirectly due to any nuclear risks .
War	4.	directly or indirectly due to war .



Confiscation by authority	5.	directly or indirectly due to your property being confiscated, taken, damaged or destroyed by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
Communicable disease	6.	directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with:
		a. any communicable disease ;
		b. any fear or threat of 6.a. above; or
		 any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 6.a. to 6.b. above.
		However, this exclusion does not apply to your liability to any domestic employee .
Other insurance	7.	under this policy where you would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if this policy did not exist except in respect of any amount in excess of the amount that would have been payable under such other insurance had this policy not been effected. If such other insurance is provided by us the most we will pay under this policy will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.
Solar weather	8.	directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with:
		a. solar weather;
		b. any fear or threat of 8.a.; or
		 any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 8.a. to 8.b. above.
Claims promise	if w offe	e pride ourselves on offering a service that is fast, efficient and helpful. Please let us know we do not pay your claim within four working days after receiving your acceptance of our er and we will pay you interest, at your bank's base rate. We will only do this if your mium payments are up-to-date.
	γοι	e can only keep this promise if your bank is in the United Kingdom and if you give us ur bank details at the time you accept our offer. We can then transfer the money into ur account. This promise cannot apply if you ask us to pay by another method.



Fine art

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

If you need to make a claim, please refer to 'How to make a claim' within the General terms and conditions.

Special definitions for this section	
Art and collections	Art, antiques and collectibles of particular value due to their age, style, artistic merit or

collectability all of which belong to **you** or for which **you** are legally responsible, including:

- 1. furniture;
- 2. paintings, drawings, etchings, prints and photographs;
- 3. tapestries and rugs;
- 4. manuscripts;
- 5. porcelain and sculptures;
- 6. stamps or coins
- 7. gold, silver, and gold- and silver-plated items;
- 8. clocks and barometers;
- 9. books;
- 10. wine;
- 11. dolls and toys;
- 12. memorabilia;
- 13. medals and militaria;
- 14. furs and guns.

We do not include jewellery, watches, gemstones, krugerand, gold bullion and precious metals held as commodities within this definition.

What is covered

Art and collections	We will cover your art and collections against physical loss or physical damage which happens anywhere in the world during the period of insurance.
Additional cover	We will also provide you with the following cover up to the corresponding amount insured:
New possessions	We will increase the total amount insured by up to 25% but no more than £100,000, to cover any items you acquire during the period of insurance . We will not charge for this additional cover unless you request any adjustments to your policy . You must tell us about any new possessions at the renewal of your policy , at which point we may increase the premium for the following period of insurance to reflect the value of the additional possessions
Death of the artist	We will increase the amount insured for any item listed in the specification by up to 100% if the artist dies during the period of insurance . We will only do this for the six months immediately following the death of that artist and provided you can produce an independent professional valuation or a purchase receipt which is not more than three years old at the time of any physical loss or physical damage we have agreed to pay. You must be able to prove the increased value if you make a claim for that item.
	We will also reimburse you for any costs or expenses you have paid but are unable to recover on works of art and collections commissioned by you which remain incomplete at the time of the artist's death. We will only do this if the artist dies during the period of insurance and you are legally entitled to a refund of such costs or expenses.
	If you are unable to provide evidence of the costs or expenses that are legally due to you or a professional valuation or purchase receipt and proof of increased value then this extension will



	not apply.
Defective title	If, during the period of insurance , someone claims that an item of specified art and collections is not rightfully yours and you are legally obliged to return the item to its rightful owner because it is proved that you do not have good title to it, we will pay you the amount you paid for it, or the value shown in the specification if this is less. We will only do this if you :
	1. bought the item during the period that the art and collections have been insured with us ;
	2. tell us about the claim during the period of insurance ; and
	3. made reasonable enquiries about the item's provenance before you bought it.
	We do not cover any items you inherit or that were given to you.
What is not covered	In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of your policy .
	We do not cover:
	 loss or damage caused by wear and tear, rust or oxidation, moth or vermin, inherent defects, warping or shrinkage, or anything which happens gradually.
	2. mechanical or electrical faults or breakdown.
	3. damage to, or any loss, cost or expense arising in respect of:
	a. any item of computer or digital technology that is caused by any:
	i. cyber attack;
	ii. hacker;
	iii. computer or digital technology error; or
	iv. social engineering communication;
	affecting that item; or
	b. any resulting reduction or loss of function to any other items of computer or digital technology that is or may be caused by that item's direct or indirect digital connectivity to the computer or digital technology detailed at a. above.
	This exclusion 3 a. and b. does not apply to any otherwise covered damage, loss, cost or expense which arises as a result of a cyber attack , hacker , computer or digital technology error or social engineering communication .
	4. loss of or damage to any art and collections stored in digital or virtual form including but not limited to any crypto currency, asset, unit, coin or token, or which is, itself, based on or utilises blockchain or any other distributed ledger technology.
How much we will pay	Your schedule will show you the maximum amount we will pay for each agreed claim, along with any limits for any item, pair or set. This amount will be shown as an amount insured .
	We will not pay the cost of preparing a claim.
Excess	Your schedule will show you if you are required to pay the first part of each agreed claim. This amount will be shown as an excess.
Specified items of your collection	Items, pairs or sets worth more than £50,000 each must be specified individually. Any items that have not been individually specified will be covered as unspecified items.
	The most we will pay is the corresponding amount insured for each specified item in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker.
	If the item is partly damaged, you may decide whether we repair, replace or pay the loss in value of the damaged item.
Professional valuation	lf:
	 any specified item has had a professional valuation carried out within the last three years; and



	 the values in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker reflect this valuation,
	we agree to cover these items on an increased value basis.
	This means we will pay the value of the item at the time of loss even if it is more than the value shown for that item in the specification.
	The most we will pay for the increase in value is:
	1. an additional 25% of the value shown for that item in the specification; or
	2. £100,000 in total for each incident of loss.
	whichever is the lower.
Loss in value	If we repair any damaged specified item, we will also pay for any loss in value. The most we will pay in total is the value shown for that item in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker.
Destruction	If any specified item is lost or destroyed, we will pay the value shown for that item in the specification agreed by us and held by us or your insurance broker.
Unspecified items of your collection	For items that are not specified, we will decide whether we repair, replace or make a cash settlement for any lost or damaged item. If we choose to make a cash settlement, we will pay the market value of the item on the date of loss. If we repair it, we will also pay for any loss in value.
	The most we will pay for any one unspecified item, pair or set is the corresponding amount insured .
	The most we will pay in total for each incident of loss is the amount insured for each category of unspecified items.
Pairs or sets	If any specified or unspecified items which have an increased value because they form part of a pair or set are lost or damaged, any payment we make will take account of the increased value.
Full payment	If we pay the full value for any specified or unspecified item, pair or set, we will then have the right to take possession of it.
Recovered item	If we recover any specified or unspecified item after we have paid a claim, we will write to you at your correspondence address shown in your schedule and you can buy it back from us within 60 days. We will charge you the lesser of:
	1. the amount we paid for the loss; or
	2. the fair market value of the item at the time we recover it.

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