



Hiscox Business Insurance

Policy summary

Your Hiscox Insurance policy summaries

This document contains a summary for each of the covers available in this insurance and outlines the key information about each cover so you can be confident that you have understood what you have bought and what you are covered for. However, you should carefully read your policy and your schedule in full and ensure that you understand which of the covers you have selected and the policy terms and conditions that apply. If you have any questions about your policy or the covers you have selected, you should contact Hiscox or your insurance advisor.

Your side of the bargain

Remember, your premium and insurance are based on the details you have provided to us. Please make sure this information accurately reflects your circumstances and that you inform us immediately if anything needs to change. Please also tell us of any changes in circumstances that may affect the services provided by us or the cover provided by your policy. This is particularly important before taking out a policy, but it also applies throughout the life of the policy too.

You need to consider:

- if you fail to fairly present the risk to us, including by failing to disclose any information material to the insurance, you could invalidate the policy, claims may not be paid or the amount we pay may be reduced;
- we will only cover you for the activities you have told us about and we have agreed to cover. If you have not told us about any of your activities, it is unlikely you will be covered for any corresponding claim or loss;
- we will not make any payment in respect of anything you knew, or ought to have known, before the start of the period of insurance which would be likely to result in a claim;
- you should read and check all insurance documents to ensure that you are aware of the cover, limits and other terms that apply;
- if you fail to let us know of any changes to your circumstances during the period of insurance or, if when telling us about such changes you fail to present the risk to us fairly, you could invalidate the policy, claims may not be paid or the amount we pay may be reduced;
- please be aware of all terms and conditions of your policy because failure to comply with them could invalidate it or result in us not paying a claim or reducing the amount we pay;
- if you make a fraudulent claim or try to deceive us, we may terminate the policy.

Policy length

The period of insurance is shown on your policy schedule. Cover under the policy will come to an end at the end of the period of insurance unless the policy is renewed or cancelled.

You will be provided with a statement of fact each year and provided that the information contained within the statement of fact is true, complete and accurate, you do not need to provide us with any further information. If any of the information in your statement of fact is not true, complete and accurate, you must let us know. If you do not let us know, it may affect the validity of the policy or our ability to pay a claim.

Retroactive dates, geographical and jurisdiction limits

Where any section of your policy schedule includes a retroactive date, we will not make any payment for any claim or loss under that section which arises from any activity performed or any act, incident or occurrence taking place, before the retroactive date.

Where any section of your policy schedule shows the geographical limits which apply to that section of the policy, we will only pay for claims and losses under that section which arise from activities performed or acts, incidents or occurrences taking place within those geographical limits.

Where any section provides cover in respect of your liability to third parties, we will only cover claims first made in a country within the scope of the applicable courts stated in that section of your policy schedule.

Cancellation rights

You can cancel this policy by giving us 30 days' notice. You will only be charged for the premiums due up to the date of cancellation. If we need to cancel the policy, we'll give you 30 days' notice in writing and refund any surplus premiums you might have paid. Please note – we may deduct an administration fee from any refunded payment. There is an exception to our 30-day notice period, which is triggered when we have agreed you can pay us by instalments and we don't receive your instalment within the agreed 14-day period. At this point, we may cancel the policy in which case we will confirm this and the amended period of insurance to you in writing.

Underwritten by: Hiscox Underwriting Ltd on behalf of the insurers named in the policy schedule.

General terms and conditions

Policy summary

Policy wording ref.: 15661 WD-COM-UK-GTCA(4)

Key terms and conditions

The General terms and conditions form part of your policy and should be read together with the relevant sections for any policy covers you have selected and with your policy schedule including any endorsements. You should read and check all your insurance documents to ensure that you are aware of and understand the cover, limits and other terms and conditions that apply.

The General terms and conditions are made up of the following sections:

General definitions

We use some words throughout your policy with the same meaning wherever they appear. These are shown in bold type and we explain in the General terms and conditions what they mean.

General conditions

These apply to the whole of your policy and set out below is a summary of some of the key conditions.

- **Presentation of the risk**

Your premium and insurance are based on the information that you have given us.

You must:

- fairly present the risk to us, including making sure the details provided to us accurately reflect your business and that you have disclosed to us any other information material to the insurance;
- let us know immediately if anything needs to change or of any changes to your circumstances during the period of insurance which may materially affect your insurance;
- comply with the terms and conditions of your policy.

If you fail to do so, you could invalidate your policy, claims may not be paid or the amount we pay may be reduced.

- **Other insurance**

We will not make payment under your policy if you would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if your policy with us did not exist.

- **Cover under multiple sections**

If you, or any other insured person under your policy, are entitled to cover under more than one section of the policy in respect of the same claim or loss, we will only provide cover under one section of the policy – being the section that provides you with the most advantageous cover.

- **Cancellation**

You can cancel your policy by giving us 30 days' notice. If we need to cancel the policy, we will give you 30 days' notice in writing. You will only be charged for the premiums due up to the date of cancellation unless we have accepted notification of a claim or potential claim or loss before the cancellation takes effect.

General claims conditions

These apply to the whole of your policy and set out below is a summary of some of the key claims conditions.

In the event of a claim or anything that may give rise to a claim, you must:

- comply with the obligations set out in the General claims conditions together with those set out in Your obligations in the section under which you are making the claim;
- notify us of the incident or event giving rise to the claim in accordance with and within the time frames set out in the notification provisions in your policy documentation;
- make every reasonable effort to mitigate any loss or liability.

If you fail to notify us when you first become aware of a shortcoming, fact or problem, admit you are liable for what has happened or fail to co-operate fully in the investigation of your claim, your claim may not be paid or the amount we pay may be reduced.

If you make a fraudulent claim or try to deceive us, we may terminate the policy.

General exclusions

We will not make payment for any damage, claims or losses arising from solar weather including from solar flares, magnetic field or magnetosphere fluctuations or disruptions. This exclusion applies to each and every section of your policy.

In addition, other exclusions apply to your policy and are included in the particular sections of the policy to which they apply.

Please read the policy for details of terms in full.

Public and products liability insurance

Policy summary

Policy wording ref: WD-PROF-UK-PPL(2) 16166 01/21

Key benefits: what risks are you protected against?

Public and products liability insurance covers you when you have to pay compensation to any third-party for accidental injury to them or damage to their property, occurring during the period of insurance and as a result of your business. We will pay up to the limit of indemnity stated in the policy schedule for claims against you arising from:

- bodily injury or property damage;
- trespass or nuisance;
- false arrest, detention, malicious prosecution or eviction.

We will also pay:

- for defence costs incurred with our agreement for covered claims. Your policy schedule will state if such costs are included within the limit of indemnity or payable in addition to it;
- criminal defence costs relating to any regulation or statute which applies to your business, for example prosecution under any health and safety legislation, in relation to a covered claim;
- the costs of replacing locks, keys and electronic pass cards if you lose any key or pass card to a third-party's premises;
- the sums you have to pay as compensation for failing to secure a third-party's premises where you have been carrying out your business, provided that you have reasonably secured the premises as required;
- the sums you have to pay as compensation if any of your employees uses a third-party's telephone system without their authority;
- the sums you have to pay as compensation under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972 or Section 5 of the Defective Premises Measure (Northern Ireland) Order 1975.

The limit of indemnity you select may be on an each and every claim basis or an aggregate basis depending upon the type of claim. Your policy schedule will show which basis applies.

Significant or unusual exclusions and limitations

We will not pay claims arising from:

- abuse or molestation, unless this cover is specifically shown as being covered in your policy schedule;
- death or bodily or mental injury or disease of any employee or volunteer of yours;
- the ownership, possession or use of any watercraft, hovercraft, aircraft, drone or mechanically propelled vehicle;
- any cyber attack, hacker or unintentional error affecting any computer or digital technology, including any fear or threat of such an incident or any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or responding to such an incident;
- any designs, plans, specifications, formulae, diagnoses, prescriptions, directions or advice given by you;
- the recall, removal, repair, reconditioning or replacement of any goods you have supplied;
- the failure of any product, service, process or system provided by you to perform its intended function;
- the actions of any person supplied by you to a client under contract;
- terrorism, civil commotion in Northern Ireland, war, confiscation or nuclear risks, including any fear or threat of such incidents or any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or responding to such incidents;
- any actual or alleged breach of any data protection legislation or regulation.

We may reduce any payment we make equal to the detriment we have suffered if you do not take reasonable steps to remedy any defect in goods you have supplied, at your expense.

Please read the policy for details of its terms in full.

In the event of a claim

If anything happens that might be covered under the policy, you must comply with the obligations set out in General claims conditions within the General terms and conditions, together with the obligations set out under Your obligations in the section or sections under which you are making the claim. It is particularly important that you notify us of the incident or event giving rise to the claim in accordance with the notification provisions set out in the relevant section of the policy. If someone brings or threatens to bring a claim against you, you must not make any admission of liability or make any offer of settlement or appoint solicitors or other legal representation without our prior written agreement.

If you do not comply with these obligations, we may be entitled to refuse to cover you entirely, or reduce the amount we pay, for that particular claim. As with any insurance, you have an obligation to take reasonable steps to mitigate any loss or liability.

In the event of a claim, you must bear the amount of the corresponding excess stated on the policy schedule, if applicable.

Claims service

It is when you make a claim that you really find out how good your insurer is and we are confident that you will not find a better service in the UK. Hiscox prides itself on its fair, efficient and sensible claims service. We offer you access to experienced and dedicated claims handlers as well as experts including legal teams, loss adjusters and disaster management companies. Hiscox aims to handle claims quickly and efficiently, while minimising any disruption to you.

You must notify us of anything likely to lead to a claim under this policy. If you need to notify us of anything, please contact our experienced claims team on 0800 280 0351, 9:00am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday or email claims@hiscox.co.uk. If you wish to make a claim online, you can log most claims quickly and easily through our claims notification portal at <https://claims.hiscox.co.uk/>.

Under insurance

Where the amount insured in respect of any item or potential loss covered under any section of this policy is based upon estimates provided by you of the total value of such item or the total potential loss and we discover that the estimate provided is less than the actual value or full potential loss, we may reduce any payment we make by reference to the difference (in percentage terms) between the premium you were actually charged and the premium we would have charged if you had provided an accurate declaration.

Any questions or complaints?

If you have any questions or concerns about your policy or the handling of a claim you should, in the first instance, contact your broker. If ever you're unhappy about anything we do, or fail to do, please contact our customer services team. They'll do all they can to put things right.

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Address: Hiscox Customer Relations
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If you remain dissatisfied with the way your complaint has been dealt with you may ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review your case. This does not affect your legal rights.

The address is:

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Exchange Tower
London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567
+44 20 7964 0500 from outside the United Kingdom

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

If you contact them or us, please quote the policy number shown in the schedule.

If we can't meet our obligations to you, you may be entitled to compensation. In that case, rest assured we're fully covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).