

Policy Summary

Amethyst Original Home Insurance Policy 2017

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This Summary

This policy summary does not contain the full terms and conditions of the contract which can be found in the insuring document, a copy of which is available on request. The summary does not form part of your policy.

About Plum & Policy Underwriters

Plum Underwriting Limited

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Underwriters

The underwriters for your policy are detailed on your policy schedule under the 'underwriters' section. You can also visit our website which shows further detail at www.plum-underwriting.com/about/underwriting-capacity/

All underwriters providing cover under this policy are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority unless stated otherwise in your schedule.

Further details can be found on the Financial Services Register at www.fca.org.uk/register

Words and their Meanings

Any words or phrases with special meanings have been defined and are shown in bold. A list of defined words and their meanings is shown in the 'Definitions – Words with Special Meanings' section of the policy wording, a specimen of which is available on request from your broker or insurance intermediary.

The policy documentation can also be made available to you in large print, audio or Braille on request via your broker or insurance intermediary.

About the Amethyst Original Policy

Amethyst Original is a home insurance policy which is designed to cover the following:

- The buildings of your home
- Your contents including fine art and antiques and valuables
- Your liabilities to the public and any domestic employees
- Home emergency
- Legal expenses and identity theft

It automatically provides cover for home emergency, legal expenses and identity theft.

The policy will relate to those sections of the insurance which you request and we agree to insure.

Cover is for physical loss or damage (all risks) for buildings, contents, fine art and antiques and valuables and provides world wide cover for your contents and valuables.

This is a very comprehensive policy and apart from needing to decide whether you insure your buildings and or contents there are no other optional extensions that are provided. However it's very important you discuss your requirements with your broker of insurance intermediary to ensure you get the right cover for you.

Period of Insurance

The period covered by the insurance is normally for 12 months. Renewal will be subject to the terms and conditions that apply at the time of renewal.

If we have agreed a different period of insurance to the normal 12 months your schedule will state the agreed period of insurance.

Policy Benefits

We will insure you for physical loss or damage (which includes accidental damage) to the buildings, your contents, fine art and antiques, and valuables occurring during the period of insurance.

Significant Policy Features & Benefits

ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS COVER	POLICY LIMIT
The cost of alterations to the home, made necessary due to an identifiable physical injury to you caused by a sudden and unforeseen accident during the period of insurance	Up to £15,000 any one period of insurance
The cost of using other accommodation substantially the same as your existing accommodation, which you have to pay for you and your pets as the home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section 1	Up to 2 years
The rent you would have received but are unable to recover while the home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section 1	Up to 2 years
The cost of alternative accommodation for you and your pets if you are required to move from your home by a public authority due to any danger from neighbouring property which has been damaged by an event which would otherwise have been covered by this policy had your home been damaged	Up to £5,000 any one period of insurance
Damage to your garden caused directly by fire, lightning, explosion, impact by any aircraft or other aerial devices, rail or road vehicles or anything dropped from an aircraft, theft, vandalism and malicious damage	Up to 5% of the buildings sum insured or £25,000 whichever is lower (up to £1,000 for any one plant, tree or shrub)
The costs incurred to find the source of escape of a) Water, oil or gas from any domestic water or heating installation within the home including subsequent repairs to walls, floors and ceilings b) Water from underground service pipes, cables, sewers and drains for which you are legally responsible outside the home but at the address shown on your schedule	Up to £15,000 any one period of insurance
Anyone buying the premises will be entitled to the benefit of Section 1 for the period from exchange of contracts (or if in Scotland from the date you accept the offer of purchase) until completion of the sale or expiry of the insurance whichever is the sooner	
Loss or damage to fixtures and fittings that would normally form part of your buildings whilst temporarily removed from your home to another building within the United Kingdom	More than 10% of your buildings sum insured for any one claim

Costs you have to pay for replacing locks and keys to safes, alarms, outside doors and windows of the home following the loss of or theft of your keys or where there is evidence that such keys have been copied by an unauthorised person	Unlimited
The removal of illegally deposited waste from your home to a licensed waste management site and reinstating any damage cause by the illegal dumping of waste at your home	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Fatal injury if you suffer a physical injury as a result of: a) fire or outward and visible violence by burglars at your premises b) an assault in the United Kingdom that is not connected to any business or occupation (other than home business) provided that death ensues within twelve (12) months of such injury	Up to £25,000 per person (£5,000 if under sixteen (16) years of age) at the time of death
A reward to anyone who gives information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone who committed an illegal act which resulted in a claim under this insurance	Up to £10,000
The cost of alternative accommodation for you and your pets while your home is occupied by squatters.	Up to £10,000 any one claim
Damage to the buildings caused when the fire service, the Police or the ambulance service have to make a forced entry because of an emergency to you.	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Ground rent which you have to pay whilst the home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section 1	Up to 2 years
The cost of restoring any loss or damage caused to landscaped gardens by the Emergency Services in attending the premises due to loss or damage which is covered under Section 1	Up to £2,500 any one claim
The costs of metered electricity, gas or water for which you are legally responsible arising from its unauthorised use by persons taking possession or occupying the home without your consent	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Any amounts you become legally liable to pay as owner as damages for bodily injury or damage to property caused by an accident happening at the premises during the period of insurance	Up to £5,000,000

ADDITIONAL CONTENTS COVER	POLICY LIMIT
The cost of using other accommodation substantially the same as your existing accommodation, which you have to pay for you and your pets as the home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section 2.	Up to 2 years
The rent you have to pay as occupier of the home, if the home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section 2.	Up to 2 years
The cost of alternative accommodation for you and your pets if you are required to move from your home by a public authority due to any danger from neighbouring property which has been damaged by an event which would otherwise have been covered by this policy had your home been damaged.	Up to £5,000 any period of insurance
Fraudulent use of your bank cards	Up to £25,000 any period of insurance
Physical loss of or physical damage to your money	Up to £2,500 any one claim
Accidental loss of domestic heating oil from heating installations, oil tanks or pipes	Up to £10,000 any period of insurance
Fatal injury if you suffer a physical injury as a direct result of: a) fire or outward and visible violence by burglars at your premises b) an assault in the United Kingdom that is not connected to any business or occupation (other than home business) provided that death ensues within twelve (12) months of such injury	Up to £25,000 per person (£5,000 if under sixteen (16) years of age at the time of death)
Loss or damage to fridge or freezer contents	Unlimited
Loss of metered water	Up to £10,000 any period of insurance
Loss or damage to newly acquired items of contents and fine art and antiques	Up to 20% of the contents, fine art and antiques and valuables sum insured any one claim

Costs you have to pay for replacing locks and keys to safes, alarms, outside doors and windows of the home following the loss of or theft of your keys or where there is evidence that such keys have been copied by an unauthorised person	Unlimited
The cost involved in reinstating your electronic data including digital downloads stored on your computer(s) or other personal electronic entertainment equipment as a result of loss or damage covered under Section 2.	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Loss or damage to additional contents between one month before and one month after: a) a wedding, civil partnership, anniversary and birthday, and/or b) a religious celebration	Up to £10,000 any one claim (single item limit £1,000)
Physical loss or damage to students and boarders possessions inside the student or boarders accommodation or other occupied building or being carried between those buildings within the United Kingdom during the period of insurance	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Loss or damage which is covered under this section to the buildings you have been made legally responsible for as a tenant of the address shown in your schedule. This does not include tenant's/leaseholder's fixtures and fittings	Up to 20% of the contents sum insured
Loss or damage to guests, visitors and domestic employees' personal effects not insured elsewhere while in the home	Up to £5,000 any one claim (single item, pair or set limit of £1,000)
Loss or damage to contents belonging to your dependent family members who are residing in a nursing or residential care home	Up to £5,000 any one claim (single item, pair or set limit of £1,000)
Loss or damage to your contents kept in other homes, places of work, caravans or beach huts	Up to £5,000 any one claim (£500 single item)
Loss or damage to marquees that you have hired	Up to £20,000 any one claim (no more than 7 days)
Loss or damage to quad bikes that do not require a Road Traffic Act certificate of insurance & go-carts and off road motorcycles with an engine size of 50cc or less	Up to £5,000 any one claim
The increased value to any one piece of art that is individually listed under fine art and antiques, where such increase is due to the death of the artist	Up to 200% of any one piece of art (maximum £100,000)
The purchase price of an item individually listed in your schedule if it is proved that the item purchased by you is not rightfully yours and you are required by law to return it to its rightful owner	Up to 110% of the fine art and antiques sum insured or £25,000 whichever is the less
We will pay you if you achieve a hole in one in an official golf competition	£500
The necessary hire of replacement clubs in the event of loss or damage to your golf clubs, borrowed golf clubs or hired golf clubs whilst you are playing golf outside of the United Kingdom	Up to £25 per day (£250 in total)
Loss or damage to contents in a commercial storage facility within the United Kingdom during the period of insurance caused by specified perils	Up to 20% of your contents sum insured (£2,500 single item)
A reward to anyone who gives information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone who committed an illegal act which resulted in a claim under this insurance	Up to £10,000
Ground rent which you have to pay whilst the home cannot be lived in following loss or damage which is covered under Section 2	Up to 2 years
Any amounts you become legally liable to pay as occupier as damages for bodily injury or damage to property caused by an accident happening at the premises during the period of insurance	Up to £5,000,000
Any amounts you become legally liable to pay as a private individual as damages for bodily injury or damage to property caused by an accident happening anywhere in the world during the period of insurance	Up to £5,000,000

Significant or Unusual Exclusions or Limitations

Contents Cover

Unless otherwise agreed by us, the following limitations apply to contents:-

Fine art and antiques	£15,000 any one item unless a higher amount is shown in your schedule
Valuables	£5,000 any one item unless a higher amount is shown in your schedule
Total valuables	£5,000 in total item unless a higher amount is shown in your schedule
Contents in outbuildings including sheds and greenhouses	Up to £20,000 any one claim
Contents outside of but in the boundaries of your home	Up to £10,000 any one claim
Personal documents, title deeds and registered bonds	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Theft from unattended vehicles	Up to £2,500 any one claim
Saddlery and tack away from the home	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Watercraft including their furnishing equipment and outboard motors	Up to £5,000 any one claim
Home business contents	Up to £20,000 any one claim
Pedal cycles	£5,000 any one claim unless a higher amount is shown in your schedule

General Exclusions

The following exclusions apply to all sections of this policy. Additional exclusions are shown in the sections to which they apply.

What is not covered:

Any loss or damage:

- that is not associated with the incident that caused you to claim
- occurring before cover starts or arising from an event before cover starts
- caused by deliberate acts by you or where any member of your family or household is concerned as principal
- or accessory or any of your employees
- or liability caused by deception other than by any person using deception to gain entry to your home
- caused by or resulting from the premises being confiscated, taken, damaged or destroyed by or under the order of any government, public or local authority
- caused by wear and tear or any other gradually operating cause, mechanical or electrical breakdown, fault or failure
- caused by rusting, corrosion, gradual or general deterioration or anything that happens gradually
- caused by termites, woodworm, or wood boring insects, invertebrate, molluscs', moths, insects, vermin, wet or dry rot, damp, mould, fungus, infestation or contamination caused by atmospheric or temperature changes

Your Policy Documentation

Information You Have Given Us

This quotation is based on the information that has been supplied to us by your broker or insurance intermediary.

In deciding to accept this policy and in setting the terms including premium we have relied on the information which you have provided to us. You must take care when answering any questions we ask by ensuring that any information provided is accurate and complete.

You must tell us within fourteen (14) days of you becoming aware of any changes in the information you have provided to us which happens before or during any period of insurance.

When we are notified of a change we will tell you if this affects your policy.

How to Make a Claim

To make a claim, you can contact us by telephone, email or post – please refer to the section ‘How to Make a Claim’ in your policy schedule for the contact details.

When notifying a claim, please provide your name, policy number (shown on your schedule), the name of your broker or insurance intermediary and with full details of the loss or damage.

There are a number of claims conditions that operate, please refer to the policy wording which explains your duties in the event of a claim and how we deal with your claim.

Cooling Off & Cancellation

Cooling-Off Period

If you find this insurance does not meet your requirements, you are entitled to cancel this insurance notifying us via your broker or insurance intermediary in writing, by email or by telephone within 14 days of either the date you receive your policy documentation or the start of the period of insurance, whichever is the later.

Your broker or insurance intermediary contact details are shown on your schedule.

We will refund any premium you have paid, providing that you have not made a claim.

Cancellation

1. Cancellation of your policy by you:

You may cancel this policy at anytime by notifying us via your broker or intermediary in writing, by email or by telephone.

Your broker or insurance intermediary contact details are shown on your schedule.

2. Cancellation of your policy by us:

We may cancel this policy or any part of it if there are serious grounds to do so by giving you 21 days written notice via your broker or insurance intermediary detailing the reason for cancellation by recorded delivery to the correspondence address stated in your latest schedule.

We will detail the reason for the cancellation in our written notice to your broker or insurance intermediary.

Examples of where we would cancel your policy are as follows:

1. Where Plum Underwriting have been unable to collect a premium payment following non-payment correspondence issued to you or your broker or insurance intermediary.
If you pay your premium to us via a direct debit facility, we will allow 21 days for the premium to be brought up to date. If you fail to do so we will cancel from the date at which you have paid the relevant premium.
2. A change in the information you have previously given us where we are able to demonstrate that we would not normally offer insurance.
3. Unacceptable behaviour by you such as abusive behaviour or language, intimidation or bullying of our staff or suppliers.
4. You have deliberately misrepresented any information given to us.
5. Your failure to cooperate with us in accordance with our claims conditions where it affects our ability to process your claim.
6. If you have acted fraudulent in any way.
7. You have deliberately or falsely overstated information given to us.

Examples 4 & 7 above are more likely to result in us treating your policy as if it never existed as detailed under the 'Information You Have Given Us and Change in Circumstances' notice under the 'Your Policy Documentation' section on page 1 and 2.

3. Cancellation by us following a fraudulent claim

If you make a fraudulent claim under this policy we will cancel your policy from the date of the fraudulent act and we will retain 100% of the premium.

4. Premium refund following cancellation of your policy:

In the event of cancellation by you, your premium refund will be calculated as follows:

If you cancel after the initial 14 day 'cooling off' period any refund will be on a proportional basis and always subject to the current period of insurance being claim free.

If you have made a claim in the period of insurance being cancelled we will retain 100% of the premium and no refund will be due to you.

In the event of cancellation by us, your premium refund will be calculated as follows:

Any refund will be on a proportional basis less the policy fee and always subject to the current period of insurance being claim free. If you have made a claim you will not be eligible for a refund and you must pay us any amount you still owe us for the full annual period for which you have been insured.

Customer Service & Complaints Procedure

The underwriters, Plum Underwriting and your broker or insurance intermediary are committed to providing you with the highest standard of service at all times. If you have any questions or queries about your policy or the handling of any claim, in the first instance please contact your broker or insurance intermediary shown on your schedule.

Customer Complaints Procedure

In the event that you wish to make a complaint regarding your policy or claim please follow the complaints procedure shown in your schedule.

The contact details for complaints regarding Section 6 - Legal Expenses and Identity Theft and Section 7 - Home Emergency are set out in those sections of cover.

Financial Ombudsman Service

Complaints that Plum Underwriting or underwriters cannot settle may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

The Financial Ombudsman Service is a free service set up by parliament to sort out individual complaints that consumers or small business are not able to resolve with financial businesses.

You can refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service if you have not received a written final response in respect of your complaint within 8 weeks of the date your complaint was received by the parties detailed in the complaints procedure shown in your schedule or if you are unhappy with the decision following your complaint

You can contact the FOS as follows:

Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR

From within the United Kingdom

Tel: 0800 023 4567 (free for people phoning from a 'fixed line', for example, a landline at home)

Tel: 0300 123 9123 (free for mobile phone users who pay a monthly charge for calls to numbers starting 01 or 02)

From outside the United Kingdom

Tel: +44 207 964 1000

Fax: +44 207 964 1001

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

The Financial Ombudsman Service can look into most complaints from consumers and small businesses.

For more information contact them on the above number or address, or view their website www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

The complaint procedure does not affect your right to take legal action.

Protecting Your Information

All personal information about you will be treated as private and confidential by Plum Underwriting and the underwriters (even when you are no longer a customer), except where the disclosure is made at your request or with your consent in relation to administering your insurance or where Plum Underwriting or the underwriters are required by law.

Some or all of the information you supply to Plum Underwriting Ltd in connection with your insurance proposal may be passed to the underwriters and other companies for underwriting, claims and premium collection purposes. Your data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, under which you have a right of access to see personal information about you that is held in the records of Plum Underwriting, whether electronically or manually. If you have any queries, please write to your broker or insurance intermediary.

Plum Underwriting Ltd and/or the underwriters and/or credit providers may use publicly available data from a variety of sources, including credit reference agencies and other external organisations to verify your identity or creditworthiness, to avoid fraud, and to obtain beneficial quotes and payment options on your behalf. Each of the searches may appear on your credit report whether or not your application proceeds.

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