Ultra Landlord - Policyholder Notice



Please read this information carefully and keep it safe with your policy documents

We have made some changes to the Ultra Landlord policy wording with version reference **ACPERHL1502/1**. These changes will apply from your first renewal on or after **1**st **August 2016**. Please ensure you read the changes carefully as they form part of your contract of insurance.

If you'd like a copy of the latest version of policy wording with the changes included we can send or email a copy to you upon request or you can download one from our website at www.homeandlegacy.co.uk

Data protection - how we use your information (pages 11 & 12)

The Data Protection information has been updated. The changes are shown in **bold** below. All other paragraphs remain unchanged.

Insurance administration

Information you supply may be used for the purposes of insurance administration (including claims processing and payment), by **us**, **our** associated companies, service providers and agents, by reinsurers, **Home & Legacy** and your insurance intermediary. The information may be disclosed to regulatory bodies for the purposes of monitoring and/or enforcing **our** compliance with any regulatory rules/codes. Your information may also be used for offering renewal, research and statistical purposes and crime prevention. It may be transferred to any country, including countries outside the European Economic Area for any of these purposes and for systems administration. **Where this happens we will ensure that anyone to whom we pass your information agrees to treat your information with the same level of protection as if we were dealing with it**

Credit searches and use of third party information

In considering your application, to assess insurance risk, to prevent fraud, to check your identity and to maintain policy records, **we** may search files made available to **us** by credit reference agencies who may keep a record of that search. **We** may also pass to credit reference agencies information **we** hold about you and your payment record. The information may be used by other credit lenders for making credit decisions about you and the people with whom you are financially associated for fraud prevention, money laundering prevention and for tracing debtors.

Credit reference agencies share information with other organisations enabling applications for financial products to be assessed or to assist the tracing of debtors or to prevent fraud.

We may ask credit reference agencies to give a credit scoring computation. Credit scoring uses a number of factors to work out risks involved in any application. A score is given to each factor and a total score obtained. Where automatic credit scoring computations are used by **us**, acceptance or rejection of your application will not depend only on the results of the credit scoring process.

We may also use information relating to you and your property supplied to us by other third parties.

How your cover works - If you are not satisfied (pages 13 & 14)

The procedure for making a complaint has been updated as below:

Making a complaint

Our aim is to deliver an excellent service, every time, but if you believe **we** have not delivered the service you expected or have any concerns about **our** service and wish to make a complaint, let **us** know by contacting:

The Customer Satisfaction Manager Home and Legacy Insurance Services Limited 500 Avebury Boulevard Milton Keynes Bucks MK9 2LA

Telephone: 0344 893 8360 or if you are calling from overseas +44 (0) 20 3118 7777

Email: info@homeandlegacy.co.uk

If your complaint is about the service you have received from **Home & Legacy**, **we** will investigate it and tell you who is dealing with your complaint. This individual will have been fully trained to deal with the matter in an objective way.

If your complaint relates to the service provided by your insurance intermediary, the insurers, any of **our** agents or any provider of services you are entitled to under this policy, your concerns may be passed on to them for investigation. **Home & Legacy** will monitor the progress of their investigation into the resolution of your complaint. Complaints which the insurers are required to resolve will be passed on by **Home & Legacy** who will tell you if your concerns are redirected for investigation into your complaint.

The aim is to resolve your concerns within twenty-four (24) hours, but where this is not possible, your complaint will be acknowledged in writing promptly.

If the situation has not been resolved within eight (8) weeks you will be given information about the Financial Ombudsman Service. The Financial Ombudsman Service offers a free, independent service for resolving disputes about most financial matters. In some circumstances a complaint may not be eligible for referral to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

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In such cases you will receive guidance from staff at the Ombudsman about your options, or you may wish to seek your own professional or legal advice. You have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman, free of charge – but you must do so within six months of the date of the final response letter. If you do not refer your complaint in time, the Ombudsman will not have our permission to consider your complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if the Ombudsman believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances. The Financial Ombudsman Service can be contacted at:

Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9SR

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 9 123. This number may not be available from outside of the UK, so from abroad please call +44 20

7964 0500.

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

For products or services purchased online The European Commission operate an online dispute resolution service for consumers who have a complaint. If you choose to submit your complaint this way it will be forwarded to the Financial Ombudsman Service. The Online Dispute Resolution Service can be accessed at http://ec.europa.eu/odr. Please quote the email address: info@homeandlegacy.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service directly.

Using the complaints procedure above or referral to the Financial Ombudsman Service does not affect your legal rights.

Section 1 – Buildings & Section 2 – Contents, What our words mean (page 23)

The definition for 'Water table' has been amended as below:

Water table

The top level of underground water which has saturated the soil. The water table may rise or fall depending on the level of rain, sleet, snow, dew etc. that filters in from upper levels of soil (unsaturated soil).

Section 1 – Buildings & Section 2 – Contents

To give greater clarity all reference to the OPTIONAL EXTENSION 2 - THEFT OR MALICIOUS DAMAGE BY TENANT & ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE has been amended throughout to read as below:

OPTIONAL EXTENSION 2 - THEFT OR MALICIOUS DAMAGE BY TENANT & ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE BY TENANT

Section 1 – Buildings & Section 2 – Contents, Contents - General Conditions (pages 46 & 47)

We have re-stated the following General Conditions:

Fraud

If you or anyone acting for you:

- i knowingly makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under the policy; or
- ii knowingly makes a false statement in support of a claim; or
- iii knowingly submits a false or forged document in support of a claim; or
- v makes a claim for any loss or damage caused by your wilful act or caused with your knowledge, agreement or collusion.

Then, we may:

- refuse to pay your fraudulent claim.
- be entitled to recover from you the any amount of any fraudulent claim we have paid under the policy since the date you first started your cover.
- automatically cancel **your** policy without giving **you** notice by treating it as if it never existed.
- not allow a return of any premium paid.
- inform the police of the circumstances.

In such circumstances we retain the right to keep the premium paid.

Our cancellation rights

If we discover that you misrepresented information or facts you gave us for the purpose of providing the insurance cover under your policy, for example, if you gave us information that you knew to be untrue; or incomplete and if we had been made aware of such information it would have led to us not entering into the insurance contract in the first place we may automatically cancel your policy without giving you notice by treating it as if it never existed.

We may also cancel your policy if there are other grounds to do so by sending you fourteen (14) days notice in writing by recorded delivery to your last known address.

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We may cancel your policy if:

- we are made aware of changes in your circumstances or information which mean that it is not possible for us to continue to provide cover under this policy;
- you fail to meet one or more of the terms and conditions of your policy, and if we agree with you that it is possible for you to rectify such breach(es), where you have not fully complied within the time period we specify to you in writing;
- any additional terms and conditions which we set out as a requirement for providing your insurance cover, by including an endorsement to your policy, where such additional terms and conditions have not been complied with; or where we have given you time to comply with the terms and conditions, if they have not been complied with within the time period we specified.

If we cancel your policy you will be entitled to a refund of the premium paid, subject to a deduction for the time you have been covered unless you have made a claim or an event has occurred which could result in a claim, in which case we will be entitled to retain the premium due for the period of insurance. If we cancel your policy the administration charge to cover Home & Legacy's costs will not apply.

If we exercise the right to cancel your policy, this will not prejudice your rights in respect of an insured event which occurred before the date of cancellation.

We also reserve the right to terminate your policy in the event that there is a default in instalment payments due under any linked loan agreement by sending you fourteen (14) days notice in writing to your last known address.

Section 3 – Landlord Legal Expenses (page 62)

Part 3 – Health & Safety, Cover 1 Health & Safety at work has been extended to include – The Housing Health and Safety Rating System (England) Regulations 2005.