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Musical Instruments Insurance Guide

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Musical instrument insurance guide

There are a number of important factors that you should consider each year when effecting your Musical Instruments Insurance and should you need to make a claim. Please take some time to carefully read through each section of this Insurance Guide to ensure that you are making the most of your insurance policy. You should read this in conjunction with your Schedule and Musical Instrument Wording, copies of which are available upon request.

If you have any questions regarding your insurance, please do not hesitate to contact your Account Handler.

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Information and changes we need to know about

Before you take out, make changes to, or renew any insurance policy or at anytime whilst you are insured by it, you must ensure that you take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to any questions you have been asked and ensure that these answers remain current. If any of the information provided by you changes during the period of your policy please provide your dedicated Account Handler with details.

If the information provided by you is not complete and accurate:

- Insurers may cancel your policy and refuse to pay any claim, or
- Insurers may not pay any claim in full, or
- Insurers may revise the premium and/or change any excess, or
- The extent of the cover may be affected.

This renewal invitation is offered using the information we have at the time it was issued. Insurers may revise or withdraw the offer if, before the date your renewal takes effect, any event occurs that gives rise to a claim, even if we are notified after your renewal date. We recommend that you keep a record (including copies of letters) of all information supplied to us for future reference.

Enclosed is a copy of your policy schedule and Statement of Fact, if there have been any changes to the information provided in these documents please advise your dedicated point of contact. You must also tell us about the following changes:

General

- any incidents of loss or damage at the premises, or claims or incidents that might give rise to a claim (whether or not any loss, damage or liability is covered by insurance, or whether an insurance claim is made or not)
- changes to cover required on insured items for example items restricted to premises requiring worldwide cover
- change of address and/or location of insured items
- new acquisitions
- changes in sums insured
- criminal convictions

The above is not an exhaustive list and there is other information you need to advise us of. For a full list or if you are unsure please contact your account handler.

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Premium Payment

There are various payment options available to you as a valued client of Lark Music and full details are shown on the Payment Details form. Please complete the appropriate section and return this to your Client Handler.

If you already pay by Direct Debit, details of the monthly instalments are shown on the enclosed invoice. If we do not hear from you before your renewal date, your Direct Debits will continue and your policy will be automatically renewed.

No Claims Discount

When calculating your annual premium, insurers will take into consideration the number and cost of claims that have been incurred under your policy (ies) over a defined period of time; normally 5 years. These claims will have a direct bearing on the annual premium that is charged and, as such, before making a claim you should consider the detrimental impact that this could have on your renewal premium. If you would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact your Account Handler.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INCIDENTS MUST BE REPORTED TO US BY YOU EVEN IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO CLAIM FOR THIS INCIDENT.

Review amount insured

Due to the nature of the items you are insuring the amount insured is not index linked. Therefore you should review the amount insured to ensure that the values remain adequate. The cover should also be reviewed in light of any alterations, new acquisitions or any other changes during the last year.

Valuations

Please note that in the event of a claim, valuations are required for all items above the value of GBP 5,000 (or currency equivalent). If you wish to send copies of these to us now, we can keep them on your file for future reference.

However, please note for items valued at GBP 50,000 and over (or currency equivalent), we must have a valuation document held on file. If you have items of this value or over, please ensure that you send copies of these to us. We advise that valuations should not be more than 3-5 years old.

If you need any assistance in obtaining valuations, please contact your Account Handler.

Additional clauses

For details of any specific terms applicable to your policy, please refer to the 'Additional Clauses Attaching To and Forming Part of this Insurance' and 'Endorsements Attaching to and Forming Part of the Musical Instruments Policy wording Musical Instruments Insurance' sections of your Schedule. It is very important that you read this, in conjunction with the Musical Instruments Wording, and if you do not understand the terms, or are unable to comply with them, please contact your Client Handler immediately.

If there are no specific terms applicable to your policy, your policy Schedule will state that no special terms apply.

Excess

The excess applicable to your policy is shown on your schedule. If you would like to increase your excess to take advantage of the discounts available, please contact your Account Handler.

In respect of Electrical items, there is a standard compulsory excess of GBP 100 or currency equivalent.

Claims

There are a number of important factors that you should consider when making a claim. Please take some time to read carefully through this section to ensure that you are making the most of our claims service. You should read this in conjunction with the claims section in your policy wording.

Our Service

We appreciate that in the event of a loss you need an efficient and outstanding claims service, and our aim is to put you in the same position as before the accident or loss with minimal disruption.

It is essential that you contact Lark Music as soon as possible following a loss or damage so that we may progress your claim to achieve the earliest possible settlement or recovery in the event of a loss or theft.

Your policy will respond to all incidents which are covered under the policy terms and your Account Handler will be happy to provide assistance and advice where possible in those areas which aren't covered by the policy.

The Effect on Renewals

When making a claim under your policy, you will probably be aware that you will lose your No Claims Discount, however as mentioned above under No Claims Discount your insurers will take into consideration the number and cost of claims that have been incurred under your policy(ies) over a defined period of time; normally 5 years. These claims will have a direct bearing on the annual premium that is charged and, as such, you should consider the detrimental impact that this could have on your renewal premium.

Your Account Handler can provide assistance and advice in this area, and will be able to advise what will likely affect an insurer's view on your insurance and therefore affect your terms and premium.

As your Insurance Broker we look to provide every help and support that we can in order that losses are minimised and you continue to benefit from the great premium and cover that your policy provides.

Making a claim

Our Claims Procedure

Our standard process for a claim is:

- After you have notified us of your claim, we will send you a claim form in order to gather all the relevant information needed to settle the claim.
- If your claim involves theft or lost items, you must report this to the Police, and obtain a crime/lost property reference number.
- If appropriate, you may be required to send in written estimates from your chosen suppliers, to repair or replace lost or stolen items. We are not tied to any specific repairers, and therefore you are able to choose your own repairer.
- Please include supporting documentation with your claim form and return it to us.
- Do not dispose of any damaged items until this has been authorised by underwriters.
- Do not proceed with replacement or repair until you have obtained written approval from us.
- Once we have approved estimates, we will confirm in writing that you can proceed.
- Once work has been completed final invoices should be sent to us for settlement of your claim.
- If your claim is for lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair items, we will need to see either the original valuation or confirmation from your repairer that the item is irreparable.
- We will arrange payment as soon as possible.

Supporting Documentation

Supporting documentation is required to enable us to process your claim more efficiently. This may consist of, but is not limited to:

- photographs
- written estimates of repair
- written proof of replacement costs
- purchase receipts
- valuations
- Police crime report

If you are unable to provide documentation requested by your claims handler, please contact them to discuss further.

Loss Adjusters

If required, we may appoint a Loss Adjuster for their expert skills in assessing certain types of claim, or in instances where a claim exceeds certain financial limits. If a Loss Adjuster is appointed to your claim they will contact you to discuss the details of the claim and submit a report to the insurer to enable them to assess the claim.

Payment

Your claim can be settled by:

- Cheque, bank draft or BACS payment direct to you
- Payment direct to your repairer
- Cheque made out to your repairer and sent to you

Unattended Vehicles

If unattended vehicle cover is included on your Schedule, the following clause will apply. You must ensure that all items left in an unattended vehicle are kept out of sight and:

- all windows, windcreens, doors and other openings of the vehicle(s) are closed, securely locked and properly fastened;
- any security protections on the vehicle are in full and effective operation.

If you fail to comply with these conditions we will not have to pay any related claim.





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