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General introduction section

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Welcome to AXA

Thank **you** for choosing AXA. Please read carefully all documents that **we** have provided and keep them in a safe place.

If **you** have any questions, need anything explaining or believe this contract does not meet **your** needs, please contact **us** or **your** insurance adviser.

Your policy

Your policy is divided into a number of sections. The sections of cover that apply in addition to the General introduction section are shown under **your** cover summary which is in the schedule. **Your** cover summary contains a list of sections available, but only those shown as 'insured' apply. Where a section does not apply, **your** cover summary will state that it is 'not insured' and this section will not be included within the **policy**.

Your policy is a contract of insurance between **you** and **us** and **you** have a duty to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** in accordance with the law.

The **policy** describes the cover for which **we** have accepted **your** premium. The **policy** wording, schedule and any endorsements must be read together.

Your policy is renewable provided **we** agree to accept **your** premium for any subsequent **period of insurance**. A new schedule will be issued for each **period of insurance** showing any changes to **your** cover.

Throughout **your policy**, **we** use defined terms. Defined terms are used to explain what a word means and are highlighted in bold blue print.

Headings have been used for **your** guidance to help **you** understand the cover provided. The headings do not form part of the contract.

Under the heading 'What is covered' **we** give information on the insurance provided. This must be read with 'What is not covered', the Policy conditions and any conditions of cover that are applied to each section.

Under the heading 'What is not covered' **we** draw **your** attention to what is excluded from **your policy**.

Making a claim

If **you** need to make a claim please first check **your policy** to make sure **you** are covered. **You** must then follow the Claims notification condition and Claims procedures condition of pages 6 and 7 of this section, headed Policy conditions.

Please contact **your** insurance adviser who will help **us** deal with **your** claim.

Making a complaint

If **you** are not happy with the way a claim or any other matter has been dealt with, please read 'Making a complaint' on page 26 of this **policy**.

Meanings of defined terms

These meanings apply throughout **your policy**.
If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used.
There may be additional defined meanings in each section.

Business

Business shown in **your** schedule.

Excess

First amount of any claim or claims for which **you** are responsible.

Period of insurance

Period from the start date to the expiry date of **your** cover shown in **your** schedule.

Policy

Policy, schedule and any endorsements attached or issued.

Policy territories

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

We/us/our

AXA Insurance UK plc.

You/your/yourself

Person(s), firm, company or organisation shown in your schedule as The insured.

Policy conditions

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**. If **you** do not comply then **we** may at **our** option take one or more of the following actions

- 1 Cancel **your policy**.
- 2 Declare **your policy** void (treating **your policy** as if it had never existed).
- 3 Change the terms of **your policy**.
- 4 Refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of any claim payments.

Applicable law condition

You and **we** can choose the law which applies to this **policy**. **We** propose that the Law of England and Wales apply. Unless **we** and **you** agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales will apply to this **policy**.

Cancellation condition

- 1 **You** may cancel **your policy** within 14 days of receiving **your policy** in the first **period of insurance** if for any reason **you** are dissatisfied or the **policy** does not meet **your** requirements.
- 2 **You** may cancel **your policy** at any time if the **business** is sold by **you** or **you** cease trading or **you** sell all the property insured shown in **your** schedule.
- 3 **We** can cancel **your policy**
 - a at any time by giving 30 days' written notice to **your** last known address
 - b immediately, without giving **you** notice, if the premium has not been paid to **us**.

Where **your policy** is cancelled in accordance with any of the above provisions, **we** will refund part of the premium paid, proportionate to the unexpired **period of insurance** following cancellation, provided that no claim has been paid or is outstanding in the current **period of insurance**.

Cancellation of **your policy** will not affect any claims or rights **you** or **we** may have before the date of cancellation.

We do not have to offer renewal of **your policy** and cover will cease on the expiry date.

Change in risk condition

You must tell **us** as soon as possible during the **period of insurance** of any change

- 1 to the **business**
- 2 in the person, firm, company or organisation shown in **your** schedule as the insured
- 3 to the information **you** provided to **us** previously or any new information that increases the risk of loss as insured under any section of **your policy**.

Your policy will come to an end from the date of the change unless **we** agree in writing to accept an alteration.

We do not have to accept any request to vary **your policy**. If **you** wish to make any alteration to **your policy** **you** must disclose any change to the information **you** previously provided or any new information that could affect this insurance. If **we** accept any variation to **your policy**, an increase in the premium or different terms or conditions of cover may be required by **us**.

Claims notification condition

You must

- 1 as soon as practical
 - a give **us** notice of any circumstances which might lead to a claim under **your policy**
 - b give **us** all the information **we** request.
- 2 immediately
 - a on receipt send **us** every letter, court order, summons or other legal document served upon **you**
 - b tell **us** about any prosecution, inquest or fatal accident inquiry or dispute for referral to adjudication or court proceedings in connection with any potential claim under **your policy**
 - c notify the police of any loss or damage that has been caused by malicious persons, thieves, rioters, strikers or vandals.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Claims procedures condition

- 1 **You** must take or allow others to take practical steps to prevent further injury, loss or damage, recover property lost and otherwise minimise the claim.
- 2 At **your** expense **you** must provide **us** with
 - a full details in writing of any injury, loss or damage and any further information or declaration **we** may reasonably require
 - b any assistance to enable **us** to settle or defend a claim
 - c details of any other relevant insurances.
- 3 **You** may not accept, negotiate, pay, settle, admit or repudiate any claim without **our** written consent.
- 4 Following a claim **you** must allow **us** or anyone authorised by **us**
 - a access to premises
 - b to take possession of, or request delivery to **us** of any property insured.
- 5 **You** may not abandon any property to **us**.
- 6 **We** will be allowed complete control of any proceedings and settlement of the claim.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Fair presentation of risk condition

You have a duty to make a fair presentation of the risk which **you** wish to insure. This applies prior to the start of **your policy**, if any variation is required during the **period of insurance** and prior to each renewal. If **you** do not comply with this condition then

- 1 if the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is deliberate or reckless **we** can elect to make **your policy** void and keep the premium. This means treating the **policy** as if it had not existed and that **we** will not return **your** premiums, or
- 2 if the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is not deliberate or reckless and **we** would not have provided cover had **you** made a fair presentation, then **we** can elect to make **your policy** void and return **your** premium, or

- 3 if the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is not deliberate or reckless and **we** would have issued cover on different terms had **you** made a fair presentation of the risk then **we** can:
 - a reduce proportionately any amount paid or payable in respect of a claim under **your policy** using the following formula. **We** will divide the premium actually charged by the premium which **we** would have charged had **you** made a fair presentation and calculate this as a percentage. The same percentage figure will be applied to the full amount of the claim to arrive at the proportion of the claim to be paid or payable; and/or
 - b treat **your policy** as if it had included the different terms (other than payment of the premium) that **we** would have imposed had **you** made a fair presentation.
- 4 Where **we** elect to apply one of the above then
 - a if **we** elect to make **your policy** void, this will be from the start of the **policy**, or the date of variation or from the date of renewal
 - b **we** will apply the formula calculated by reference to the premium that would have been charged to claims from the start of the **policy**, or the date of variation or from the date of renewal
 - c **we** will treat the **policy** as having different terms imposed from the start of the policy, or the date of variation or from the date of renewaldepending on when the failure to make a fair presentation occurs.

Fraud condition

You and anyone acting for **you** must not act in a fraudulent way.

If **you** or anyone acting for **you**:

- 1 knowingly makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under **your policy**;
- 2 knowingly makes a false statement in support of a claim (whether or not the claim itself is genuine); or

- 3 knowingly submit a false or forged document in support of a claim (whether or not the claim itself is genuine),

we will

- a refuse to pay the claim
- b declare the **policy** void from the date of the fraudulent act without any refund of premiums.

We may also inform the police of the circumstances.

Instalments condition

If **you** fail to pay a premium instalment to **us** on the date due, this will result in **your policy** being cancelled from the date the missed instalment was due. **You** will not be entitled to any return of premium where this happens.

If a claim has been made or there has been any incident likely to lead to a claim during the current **period of insurance** the annual premium remains due in full.

Other insurance condition

If a claim is made under **your policy** and there is other insurance cover for which **you** are, or would be but for this **policy**, entitled to have a claim paid under the other insurance, **we** will at **our** option, either pay

- 1 a proportionate share of the claim
- or
- 2 an amount beyond that which is or would be payable under the other insurance.

Policy administration fees condition

We may charge **you** an administration fee if **we**

- 1 make any changes to **your policy** on **your** behalf
- 2 agree to cancel **your policy**, or
- 3 are requested to print and re-send **your policy** documents to **you**.

We will not make a charge without informing **you**.

Reasonable care condition

You must take reasonable steps to

- 1 prevent or protect against injury, loss or damage
- 2 keep **your** premises, machinery, plant and equipment and all other property insured in good condition and in full working order
- 3 remedy any defect or any danger that becomes apparent, as soon as possible.

If required by **us**, **you** must allow access to **your** premises and/or activities of **your business** to carry out inspection or survey. **You** must complete any risk improvements that **we** ask for, within a reasonable period of time advised by **us**.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Renewal term agreement condition

If **your** schedule shows that a renewal term agreement is operative, certain terms and conditions have been agreed by **you** and **us** that regulate the annual premium at which **we** will offer renewal. The agreement is included as part of the insurance contract and, if **we** offer renewal in accordance with the agreement, **you** agree that **your policy** will be renewed each year up to the expiry date of the agreement shown in **your** schedule.

Sanctions condition

This contract of insurance is subject to sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions. It is a condition of **your policy** that **we** will not provide cover, or pay any claim or provide any benefit under **your policy** to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose **us**, or **our** parent, subsidiary or any AXA group member company, to any trade or economic sanctions, or violate any laws or regulations of the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United States of America or any other territory.

Subrogation (our rights) condition

We will be entitled to undertake in **your** name or on **your** behalf

- 1** the defence or settlement of any claim
- 2** steps to enforce rights against any other party before or after payment is made by **us**.

Third party rights condition

This contract is between **you** and **us**. The rights under this contract will not be enforceable by any other party because of the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Employers liability section

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Meanings of defined terms

These meanings apply within **your** Employers liability section. If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used in this section. The meaning of defined terms that apply throughout **your policy**, and not just this section, can be found on page 5.

Bodily injury

Death, bodily injury, illness or disease.

Claim costs

Costs and expenses

- 1 of any claimant which **you** become legally liable to pay
- 2 incurred, with **our** prior written consent, to investigate or defend a claim against **you** including solicitors fees at
 - a any coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry
 - b summary court proceedings.

Contractual liability

Legal liability assumed by **you** under the express or intended terms of any contract or agreement that restrict **your** right of recovery, or increase **your** liability at law beyond that applicable in the absence of those terms.

Employed person

- 1 Anyone under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you**.
- 2 Anyone who is
 - a employed by **you** or on **your** behalf on a labour only basis
 - b self employed
 - c hired to **you** or borrowed by **you** from another employer
 - d a voluntary helper or taking part in a work experience or training scheme and under **your** control or supervision.

Manslaughter costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with any criminal inquiry into or court proceedings brought for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide.

Offshore

On or working from, or travelling by sea or air, to, from or between an offshore rig, platform or similar offshore installation.

Principal

Employer who has engaged **you** to act on their behalf, under a contract for the performance of work by **you**, in connection with the **business**.

Safety legislation costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with an alleged breach of statutory duty under Health and Safety, Consumer Protection or Food Safety legislation, enacted within the **policy territories**.

Terrorist act

Any act of a person or group directed towards the overthrowing or influencing of any government or putting any section of the public in fear by threat, force or violence or other means.

✓ What is covered

We will cover the amount of damages which **you** are legally liable to pay in respect of **bodily injury** to any **employed person** resident in the **policy territories**, caused during the **period of insurance** and arising out of and in the course of their employment by **you** in connection with the **business**.

Additional business activities cover

The cover under this section includes the following activities of the **business**

- 1 providing and managing amenities for the benefit and welfare of **employed persons**
- 2 owning, repairing, maintaining and decorating **your** own property or premises **you** use
- 3 providing and managing facilities primarily used for fire prevention, safety or security at **your** premises
- 4 maintaining and repairing vehicles and machinery owned or used by **you**
- 5 private work **you** allow **employed persons** to do for **your** directors, partners or officers, as long as this work is done with **your** prior permission
- 6 the sale or disposal of **business** assets.

Claim costs cover

We will cover **claim costs** in connection with a claim for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section, but **we** will not pay **claim costs** for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Compensation for court attendance cover

If **we** request any director, partner or **employed person** to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section **we** will compensate **you** at the following rates per day for each day that attendance is required:

any director or partner	£750
any employed person	£500

Manslaughter costs cover

We will cover **manslaughter costs** in respect of any death occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior written consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or is withdrawn **we** will have no further liability other than in respect of costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is more likely to succeed than not and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in connection with the proceedings.

The maximum **we** will pay for **manslaughter costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not pay

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of implementing any remedial order or publicity order
- 3 costs and expenses of an appeal against any fine, penalty, compensation award, remedial order or publicity order
- 4 costs and expenses incurred as a result of the failure to comply with any remedial order or publicity order
- 5 costs and expenses covered by any Legal expenses insurance

- 6 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Overseas employees cover

If **bodily injury** is caused during the **period of insurance** to any person under a contract of service or apprenticeship, arising out of and in the course of their employment by **you** in connection with the **business** and who is resident outside the **policy territories**, **we** will cover the amount of damages which **you** are legally liable to pay by a court of law having jurisdiction within the **policy territories**.

We will not pay

- 1 for any action or recovery brought or commenced
 - a in a court of law outside the **policy territories**
 - b in connection with any workmen's compensation or other social insurance, or arising from **your** failure to meet legal obligations or to pay adequate contributions for that insurance
- 2 where an insurance policy covering legal liability for **bodily injury** caused to **employed persons** is arranged outside the **policy territories**.

Personal liability cover

If no other insurance is in force, at **your** request, the cover provided by this section will apply to the legal liability of

- 1 any director or **employed person** of **yours** whilst
 - a performing their normal duties in connection with the **business**
 - b work is being carried out on behalf of a director or officer by an **employed person** with **your** consent
 - c acting in a personal capacity, during the course of a trip or journey arranged for the purpose of the **business**
- 2 the spouse, civil partner, domestic partner or any children accompanying a director or **employed person** in the course of a business trip or journey.

The cover provided by this section will also apply to **your** personal representative, or the personal representative of any other deceased person entitled to cover.

Principals liability cover

At **your** request, **we** will cover the legal liability of any **principal** arising from the performance of **your** work for the **principal**.

We will not provide cover beyond the requirements of **your** contract with the **principal**.

Safety legislation costs cover

We will cover **safety legislation costs** in respect of any **bodily injury** occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or is withdrawn, **we** will have no further liability other than in respect of costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is more likely to succeed than not and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in connection with the proceedings.

The maximum **we** will pay for **safety legislation costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not pay

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of an appeal against improvement or prohibition notices
- 3 costs and expenses on indictment for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide, other than **safety legislation costs** already incurred
- 4 costs and expenses covered by any Legal expenses insurance
- 5 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Unsatisfied court judgements cover

We will, at **your** request, pay an **employed person** the amount awarded to that person by a court of law for **bodily injury** against any company, partnership or individual conducting a business within the **policy territories**, if such award remains unpaid six months after the date of the judgement.

We will only provide cover if

- 1 there is no outstanding appeal
- 2 the **bodily injury** was sustained during the **period of insurance** by the **employed person** while working in connection with the **business**
- 3 the judgement was obtained in a court within the **policy territories**
- 4 the **employed person** or their personal representative assigns the amount awarded under the judgement to **us**.

Limit of indemnity

- 1 The employers liability limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule is the maximum **we** will pay for the total of all damages and **claim costs** and will apply to any one claim or series of claims by one or more of the **employed persons** arising from one occurrence.

- 2 The **terrorist act** limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule will apply exclusively to any one claim or series of claims by one or more of the **employed persons** arising directly or indirectly in connection with **terrorist act**.
- 3 In respect of any claim or claims, **we** may at any time pay the limit of indemnity applicable, after deducting any amounts already paid, or any lesser amount for which a settlement can be made. **We** will not then be liable to make any further payment in respect of the claim or claims.

X What is not covered

Offshore exclusion

We will not cover claims for **bodily injury** to any **employed person** while **offshore**.

Radioactive contamination exclusion

We will not cover claims for

- 1 **contractual liability**
- 2 which **your principal** has a legal liability caused by or arising from any type of nuclear radiation, nuclear material, nuclear waste, nuclear reaction or radioactive contamination.

Road Traffic Act exclusion

We will not cover claims for **bodily injury** to an **employed person** in circumstances where it is necessary to arrange compulsory motor insurance or security under any Road Traffic Legislation.

Section conditions

These conditions of cover apply only to this section. **You** must comply with these conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**.

Conditions may specify circumstances whereby non-compliance will mean that **you** will not receive payment for a claim. However, **you** will be covered and **we** will pay **your** claim if **you** are able to prove that the non-compliance with these conditions could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Premium adjustment condition

If any part of the premium has been calculated on estimates **you** must, at **our** request, tell **us** the actual figures on the expiry of the **period of insurance** so that the final premium can be calculated using the agreed rates. If the adjusted premium is less than the estimated premium, **we** will not return more than 10% of the original premium.

If the estimates shown in **your** schedule are marked as index linked, the renewal premium for each **period of insurance** will be calculated on an adjusted amount in line with suitable indices of costs.

Right of recovery condition

The cover provided under this section is in line with any law relating to the compulsory insurance of liability to persons employed within the **policy territories**. **You** must repay to **us** all amounts **we** pay which **we** would not have been liable to pay but for the law.

Public liability section

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Your schedule will show if this section is covered.

Meanings of defined terms

These meanings apply within **your** Public liability section. If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used in this section. The meaning of defined terms that apply throughout **your policy**, and not just this section, can be found on page 5.

Asbestos

Asbestos in any form, asbestos fibres or particles or derivatives of asbestos or any material containing asbestos.

Bodily injury

Death, bodily injury, illness or disease.

Claim costs

Costs and expenses

- 1 of any claimant which **you** become legally liable to pay
- 2 incurred, with **our** prior written consent, to investigate or defend a claim against **you** including solicitors fees at
 - a any coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry
 - b summary court proceedings.

Clean up costs

Costs and expenses of remediation of environmental damage or environmental harm.

Contractual liability

Legal liability assumed by **you** under the express or intended terms of any contract or agreement that restrict **your** right of recovery, or increase **your** liability at law beyond that applicable in the absence of those terms.

Electronic data

Facts, concepts or information in a form usable for communications, interpretation or processing by electronic or electro-mechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment which includes programmes, software, firmware, operating systems or other coded instructions for the processing or manipulation of data.

Employed person

- 1 Anyone under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you**
- 2 Anyone who is
 - a employed by **you** or on **your** behalf on a labour only basis
 - b self employed
 - c hired to **you** or borrowed by **you** from another employer
 - d a voluntary helper or taking part in a work experience or training scheme and under **your** control or supervision.

Enforcing authority

Any government or statutory authority implementing or enforcing environmental protection legislation in the **policy territories**.

Event

Claim or series of claims against **you** as a result of or attributable to a single source or the same original, repeated or continuing cause.

Hot work

Any work that requires, uses or produces open flames or any other sources of heat or sparks that could ignite flammable or combustible materials.

Manslaughter costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with any criminal inquiry into or court proceedings brought for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide.

Nuisance or trespass

Nuisance, trespass to land or trespass to goods, or interference with any easement.

Offshore

On or working from or travelling by sea or air to, from or between an offshore rig, platform or similar offshore installation.

Personal injury

Personal injury or infringement of a person's legal right other than

- 1 **bodily injury**
- 2 a right arising from title to or an interest in property.

Pollutants

Any solid liquid or gaseous pollutant, contaminant or irritant substance or any biological agent that is a danger to human health.

Principal

Employer who has engaged **you** to act on their behalf, under a contract for the performance of work by **you**, in connection with the **business**.

Property damage

Loss of or damage to property that **you** do not own or possess and is not in **your** custody or under **your** control.

Safety legislation costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with an alleged breach of statutory duty under Health and Safety, Consumer Protection or Food Safety legislation, enacted within the **policy territories**.

Sudden incident

Sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident that does not originate from a gradual, continuous or repetitive cause.

Terrorist act

Any act of a person or group directed towards the overthrowing or influencing of any government or putting any section of the public in fear by threat, force or violence or other means.

Underground services

Pipes, cables, mains or other underground services.

Works

Work goods or materials comprising or forming part of a contract or development that **you** own or possess, or which is in **your** custody or under **your** control, or for which **you** are responsible, in the course of the **business**.

✓ What is covered

We will cover the amount of damages which **you** are legally liable to pay in respect of

- 1 **bodily injury**
- 2 **personal injury**
- 3 **property damage**
- 4 **nuisance or trespass**

occurring during the **period of insurance** in connection with the **business**.

If legal liability to pay damages in respect of **property damage** or **nuisance or trespass** arises from a release or escape of **pollutants** into the atmosphere or onto land, water, buildings or any structure, the cover will only apply to a **sudden incident** which happens at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance** within the **policy territories** and all **property damage** or **nuisance or trespass** will be considered as having occurred at the time of the **sudden incident**.

Additional business activities cover

The cover under this section includes the following activities of the **business**

- 1 providing and managing amenities for the benefit and welfare of **employed persons**
- 2 owning, repairing, maintaining and decorating **your** own property or premises **you** use
- 3 providing and managing facilities primarily used for fire prevention, safety or security at **your** premises

- 4 maintaining and repairing vehicles and machinery owned or used by **you**
- 5 private work **you** allow **employed persons** to do for **your** directors, partners or officers, as long as this work is done with **your** prior permission
- 6 the sale or disposal of **business** assets.

Claims costs cover

We will cover **claim costs** in connection with a claim for which an award of damages or **clean up costs** is paid or may be payable under this section, but **we** will not pay **claim costs** for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Compensation for court attendance cover

If **we** request any director, partner or **employed person** to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section **we** will compensate **you** at the following rates per day for each day that attendance is required:

any Director or Partner	£750
any employed person	£500.

Contingent motor liabilities cover

We will cover the amount of damages which **you** are legally liable to pay and **claim costs** in respect of accidental

- 1 **bodily injury**
- 2 **property damage**

occurring during the **period of insurance** and arising out of

- a the use by an **employed person** of their own motor vehicle within the European Union in connection with the business
- b the movement of any motor vehicle, not owned by, or provided by **you**, or an **employed person** that is preventing access to, or causing an obstruction within **your** premises or any site at which **you** are working

and the Road Traffic Act exclusion in this section will not apply to that liability.

We will not pay

- 1 for loss of or damage to any motor vehicle referred to in **a** or **b** above
- 2 unless the motor vehicle is being driven with **your** permission and **you** have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the person driving holds a valid licence to drive the motor vehicle
- 3 where cover is provided by another insurance policy.

Cross liabilities cover

Any person, firm, company or organisation covered by this section, is entitled to the cover as if a separate policy had been issued to each and, where **you** are a membership organisation, the cover will apply to each member as if a separate policy had been issued to each member.

However, the amount payable by **us** in total, on behalf of all entitled to cover, shall not in any circumstances exceed the limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule.

Data Protection cover

We will cover the amount of compensation which **you** are legally liable to pay in respect of **personal injury** occurring during the **period of insurance**, arising from holding personal data, or, as a result of any loss, misuse or unauthorised disclosure of personal data held by **you** in the course of the **business**.

We will only pay

- 1 amounts of compensation which **you** are ordered to pay, or which **you** might reasonably be expected to pay by a court having jurisdiction
- 2 if **you** are registered or are in the process of registration (and the application has not been refused or withdrawn) under Data Protection legislation

within the **policy territories**.

We will not cover

- 1 fines or penalties imposed by a court
- 2 the costs of any appeal against the refusal of an application for registration or alteration, in connection with the Data Protection legislation or any enforcement, de-registration or prohibition notice

- 3 the cost of replacing, reinstating, rectifying or erasing any personal data
- 4 refund of monies paid to **you** by any claimant
- 5 liability for which cover is provided under any other more specific insurance.

The maximum **we** will pay for compensation, costs and expenses in total, as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

Defective Premises Act cover

We will cover the amount of damages which **you** are legally liable to pay in respect of accidental **bodily injury** or **property damage**, occurring during the **period of insurance**, arising out of premises **you** have disposed of, but had previously owned in connection with the **business**.

We will not cover

- 1 loss of or damage to the land or premises disposed of or in connection with the cost of rectifying any defect or alleged defect in them
- 2 any liability for which **you** are covered under any other insurance policy.

Environmental clean up cover

We will cover the amount of **clean up costs** which **you** are legally liable to pay, under a notice or order imposed upon **you** by an **enforcing authority**, arising from a release or escape of **pollutants**, onto or into land, surface water or ground water.

The cover will only apply to a **sudden incident** which happens at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance** in connection with the **business** within the **policy territories**.

The maximum **we** will pay for all **clean up costs**, as a result of one **sudden incident** or all such incidents happening during any one **period of insurance**, is £100,000.

Where a claim for damages arises in addition to **clean up costs** as a result of the same **sudden incident**, the maximum **we** will pay for the total amount of damages and **clean up costs** added together will not exceed the public liability limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule.

We will not cover any part of a claim for **clean up costs**

- 1 at, in or upon property that is or was owned by **you** or in **your** possession or in **your** custody or under **your** control
- 2 to achieve an improvement or alteration in the condition of the land, or any surface or ground water, beyond that
 - a necessary to meet the standards required by law at the start of remediation
 - b existing at the time of a **sudden incident** for which a claim is made under this section.

Manslaughter costs cover

We will cover **manslaughter costs** in respect of any death occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or is withdrawn **we** will have no further liability other than in respect of costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is more likely to succeed than not and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in connection with the proceedings.

The maximum **we** will pay for **manslaughter costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not pay

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of implementing any remedial order or publicity order
- 3 costs and expenses of an appeal against any fine, penalty, compensation award, remedial order or publicity order
- 4 costs and expenses incurred as a result of the failure to comply with any remedial order or publicity order
- 5 costs and expenses covered by any Legal expenses insurance
- 6 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Personal liability cover

If no other insurance is in force, at **your** request, the cover provided by this section will apply to the legal liability of

- 1 any director or **employed person** of **yours** whilst
 - a performing their normal duties in connection with the **business**
 - b work is being carried out on behalf of a director or officer by an **employed person** with **your** consent
 - c acting in a personal capacity during the course of a trip or journey arranged for the purpose of the **business**.
- 2 the spouse, civil partner, domestic partner or any children accompanying a director or **employed person** in the course of a business trip or journey.

The cover provided by this section will also apply to **your** personal representative or the personal representative of any other deceased person entitled to cover.

Principals liability cover

At **your** request, **we** will cover the legal liability of any **principal** arising from the performance of **your** work for the **principal**.

We will not provide cover beyond the requirements of **your** contract with the **principal**.

Property in your care cover

The cover provided by this section will apply to the following property whether or not it is in **your** possession or custody or under **your** control at time of the occurrence of loss or damage

- 1 premises which are leased, let, rented, hired or lent to **you**
- 2 premises, including contents, which are not owned or rented by **you**, where **you** are temporarily carrying out work in connection with the **business**
- 3 the vehicles or personal effects of **employed persons** or visitors while on **your** premises
- 4 the property of customers while in a cloakroom or car park.

We will not provide cover for

- 1 any **contractual liability**
- 2 loss of or damage to property for which **you** have an agreement to arrange insurance on behalf of the owner, or as if **you** were the owner, under a tenancy, rental or hire agreement
- 3 **clean up costs**
- 4 any amount in excess of £30,000 any one **event** or £100,000 in total for all occurrences during any one **period of insurance** in respect of loss or damage to the property of customers.

Safety legislation costs cover

We will cover **safety legislation costs** in respect of any **bodily injury** or **property damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or is withdrawn, **we** will have no further liability other than in respect of costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is more likely to succeed than not and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in connection with the proceedings.

The maximum **we** will pay for **safety legislation costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not pay

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of an appeal against improvement or prohibition notices
- 3 costs and expenses on indictment for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide, other than **safety legislation costs** already incurred
- 4 costs and expenses covered by any Legal expenses insurance
- 5 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Limit of indemnity

- 1 The public liability limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule is the maximum amount **we** will pay for all damages arising from one **event**.
- 2 The public liability limit of indemnity is also the maximum amount **we** will pay for all damages as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance** caused by or originating from
 - a release or escape of **pollutants**

- b** goods or materials sold, supplied, provided or delivered by **you** or on **your** behalf and which are not for use in connection with **works**.
- 3** The terrorist act limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule is the maximum amount **we** will pay for all damages as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, arising directly or indirectly in connection with **terrorist act**.
- 4** If **we** cover more than one person, firm, company or organisation, the amount payable by **us** in total, on behalf of all entitled to cover, shall not in any circumstances exceed the limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule.
- 5** **We** will pay **claim costs** in addition to the limit of indemnity applicable to the claim or claims, except if an action for damages is started or brought in the United States of America or Canada.
- 6** If an action for damages is started or brought in the United States of America or Canada, **we** will not pay more than the limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule, for the total of all damages and **claim costs** arising from the action.
- 7** In respect of any claim or claims, **we** may at any time pay the limit of indemnity applicable, after deducting any amounts already paid, or any lesser amount for which a settlement can be made. **We** will not then be liable to make any further payment in respect of the claim or claims. If **we** have agreed to pay **claim costs** in addition to the limit of indemnity, **we** will pay the costs incurred before the date of the claim payment.

X What is not covered

Aircraft and watercraft exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from **you** owning, possessing or using any

- 1** type of aircraft or spacecraft
- 2** watercraft or hovercraft exceeding 8 metres in length that is ordinarily capable of movement by mechanical power and which is under **your** control.

Airside exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from any work in, or on

- 1** aircraft
- 2** airport or airfield runways, manoeuvring areas or aprons, or any other parts of airports or airfields to which aircraft ordinarily have access.

Asbestos exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from

- 1** inhalation or ingestion of **asbestos**
- 2** exposure to or fear of the consequences of exposure to **asbestos**
- 3** the presence of **asbestos** in any property or on land
- 4** investigating, managing, removing, controlling or remediation of **asbestos**.

Contractual liability exclusion

We will not cover claims

- 1** where the terms of any contract or agreement made by **you**, prevent **us** from taking over the full defence or settlement of the claim
- 2** to pay liquidated damages, or any contractual fines or amounts payable under contractual penalty clauses.

Damage to works exclusion

We will not cover claims for loss of or damage to

- 1** **works**
- 2** any work process or other operation that has been completed by **you** or on **your** behalf, or for which responsibility has been handed over, caused by or arising from defect in or unsuitability of, any part of that work process or other operation.

Defamation and discrimination exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from

- 1** libel or slander
- 2** false statement
- 3** discrimination of any kind.

Deliberate act exclusion

We will not cover claims

- 1** caused by or arising from any deliberate act, error or omission
 - a** where the results are intended or expected, or are reasonably foreseeable by **you**
 - b** by anyone other than **you**, so far as cover is requested for their own liability
- 2** for **clean up costs** in circumstances where **you** have knowingly
 - a** deviated from any regulatory notice, order or protection ruling
 - b** omitted to inspect, maintain or perform necessary repairs to plant or machinery for which **you** are responsible.

Electronic data exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from

- 1** authorised or unauthorised transmission of **electronic data**
- 2** the content of any website, **your** email, intranet or extranet
- 3** loss, distortion, erasure, corruption or alteration of **electronic data** or any loss of use resulting in reduction of functionality
- 4** failure of electronic, electromechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment or **electronic data** to correctly recognise any given date or to process data or to operate properly due to failure to recognise any given date.

Employee injury exclusion

We will not cover claims for **bodily injury** sustained by any **employed persons** arising out of and in the course of their employment with **you**.

Employment dispute exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from a dispute with, or proceedings brought by any person for

- 1** their existing, past or prospective contract of employment with **you**
- 2** a breach of employment-related legislation.

Excess exclusion

The **excess** will apply to each **event** for loss as stated in **your** schedule.

Foreign manual work exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from manual work undertaken by **you** or on **your** behalf outside the **policy territories**, except where temporary work is undertaken within the European Union, by persons resident within the **policy territories**, for up to 180 days in total, during any one **period of insurance**.

Intellectual property exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from passing off or infringement of trade name, registered design, unregistered design, copyright or patent right.

Offshore exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from any work **offshore**.

Overseas establishment exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from any associated or subsidiary company of **yours**, or any of **your** branch offices, or any representative of **yours** with power of attorney, registered, having premises or resident outside the **policy territories**.

Professional duty exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from any breach of professional duty in relation to

- 1** advice, instruction, consultancy, design, formula, specification, inspection, survey, valuation, certification, or testing undertaken or given for a fee
- 2** planning, project management or supervision of **works** where **you** are engaged to act in that capacity, either for a specific fee or under an agreement separate from that to execute the **works**.

Punitive damages exclusion

We will not cover claims to pay any award of punitive, exemplary or aggravated damages or additional damages resulting from the multiplication of compensatory damages, by a court of law outside the **policy territories**.

Radioactive contamination exclusion

We will not cover any claims caused by or arising from any type of nuclear radiation, nuclear material, nuclear waste, nuclear reaction or radioactive contamination.

Rectification of defects exclusion

We will not cover claims to rectify, remedy, repair, replace, reapply, modify, investigate, access or remove defective or unsuitable work, process or other operations, or to make any refund.

Road Traffic Act exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from the ownership, possession or use by **you** or on **your** behalf of any motor vehicle, trailer or mobile plant in circumstances where compulsory insurance or security is required by Road Traffic Legislation or where cover is provided (or would be provided but for breach of the terms of cover) by another insurance.

This exclusion will not apply where cover is applicable under the Public liability section What is covered, Excess Road Traffic Act cover of this **policy**.

War risk exclusion

We will not cover claims caused by or arising from war, invasion, act of foreign enemy hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition, or loss of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

Section conditions

These conditions of cover apply only to this section.

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**.

Conditions may specify circumstances whereby non-compliance will mean that **you** will not receive payment for a claim. However, **you** will be covered and **we** will pay **your** claim if **you** are able to prove that the non-compliance with these conditions could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Hot work precautions condition

The following precautions must be complied with each time that **hot work** is undertaken away from **your** premises

- 1 the area where the work is to be completed must be cleared of all combustibles
- 2 combustible floors and other combustible property which cannot be moved must be protected by non-combustible material and where welding, cutting or grinding equipment is being used, this must extend to at least 6 metres from or beneath the work area
- 3 where there is a danger of ignition either directly or by conduction of heat, through any partitions or walls, the area on the other side must be inspected and combustible material removed
- 4 at least one fire extinguisher, of a type suitable for the use required, must be kept adjacent to the work or task and ready for immediate use
- 5 no heat producing equipment must be left out of view of its operator or firewatcher whilst lighted or powered or whilst hot
- 6 a thorough safety check for signs of fire or combustion around, above or below the work area must be made at regular intervals, for at least 30 minutes after each period of work is completed.

If **you** do not comply with this condition, **you** will not be covered and **we** will not pay **your** claim.

Legionella precautions condition

If **you** own or are responsible for water systems, water installations or cooling systems, a written risk assessment must be undertaken and controls put in place to prevent the growth of biological agents that may cause disease or illness.

If **you** do not comply with this condition, **you** will not be covered and **we** will not pay **your** claim.

Premium adjustment condition

If any part of the premium has been calculated on estimates, **you** must, at **our** request, tell **us** the actual figures on the expiry of the **period of insurance** so that the final premium can be calculated using the agreed rates. If the adjusted premium is less than the estimated premium, **we** will not return more than 10% of the original premium.

If the estimates shown in **your** schedule are marked as index linked, the renewal premium for each **period of insurance** will be calculated on an adjusted amount in line with suitable indices of costs.

Sub-contractors (works) condition

If **you** appoint any sub-contractor (other than an **employed person**) to carry out **works**, **you** must take reasonable steps to obtain confirmation from the sub-contractor, prior to starting work, that they have insurance in force throughout the period of their involvement in the **works**.

A written record must be retained by **you** for inspection by **us** if a claim arises for which the sub-contractor may have a responsibility, showing evidence of

- 1 Employers liability insurance in the name of the sub-contractor, covering liability to employees in accordance with any law relating to compulsory insurance.
- 2 Public liability insurance covering the legal liability of the sub-contractor, to anyone who is not one of their employees and which
 - a has a limit of indemnity not less than the public liability limit of liability shown in **your** schedule, or any other amount agreed by **us** in writing

- b includes a clause providing benefit of cover to **you** in similar terms to the principals liability cover provided by this section
- c covers the type of work carried out by the sub-contractor in connection with **works**.

If **you** appoint any sub-contractor (other than an **employed person**) to carry out **works**, in an emergency that leaves insufficient time to obtain all written evidence as required by this condition, **we** will not enforce the condition, so long as **you** obtain verbal confirmation from the sub-contractor, prior to starting work, that insurance in accordance with **1** and **2** above is in force and **you**

- i subsequently exchange correspondence confirming this
- ii retain the correspondence for inspection by **us** if a claim arises for which the sub-contractor may have a responsibility.

If **you** do not comply with this condition, **you** will not be covered and **we** will not pay **your** claim.

Underground services condition

The following precautions must be complied with before the start of any ground work involving digging, drilling, boring, excavation or earth-moving operations

- 1 written confirmation of the location and plan position of all existing **underground services** must be ascertained by enquiry to the owner or relevant authority responsible for the underground services
- 2 the location and plan position of **underground services** must be given to the persons employed or any contractor carrying out the ground work
- 3 the area of the ground work must be investigated using remote electrical devices to establish the actual position of **underground services**
- 4 a work method must be adopted which minimises the risk of **property damage** to **underground services**

- 5 a full written record of the enquiries and measures taken to locate **underground services** and to minimise the risk of loss of damage must be retained for inspection by **us** if a claim arises.

If **you** do not comply with this condition, **you** will not be covered and **we** will not pay **your** claim.

Making a complaint

AXA Insurance aims to provide the highest standard of service to every customer.

If **our** service does not meet **your** expectations **we** want to hear about it so **we** can try to put things right.

All complaints **we** receive are taken seriously. Following the steps below will help **us** understand **your** concerns and give **you** a fair response.

How to make your complaint

The majority of complaints can be resolved quickly and satisfactorily by the department **you** are dealing with. If **your** complaint relates to a claim on **your policy**, please contact the department dealing with **your** claim. If **your** complaint relates to anything else, please contact the agent or AXA office where **your policy** was purchased. Telephone contact is often the most effective way to resolve complaints quickly.

Alternatively **you** can write to **us** at:

AXA Insurance complaints:



AXA Insurance
Commercial complaints
AXA House
4 Parklands
Lostock
Bolton
BL6 4SD

All claims complaints:



Telephone: **01204 815359**



Email: **commercial.complaints@axa-insurance.co.uk**

When **you** make contact please tell **us** the following information:

- Name address and postcode, telephone number and e-mail address (if **you** have one).
- **Your policy** and/or claim number, and the type of policy **you** hold.
- The name of **your** insurance agent/firm (if applicable).
- The reason for **your** complaint.

Any written correspondence should be headed 'COMPLAINT' and **you** may include copies of supporting material.

Beyond AXA

Should **you** remain dissatisfied following **our** final written response, **you** may be eligible to refer **your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

The FOS is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products. The FOS can only consider **your** complaint if **we** have given **you our** final decision.

You have six months from the date of **our** final response to refer **your** complaint to the FOS. This does not affect **your** right to take legal action.

The Financial Ombudsman Service



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



Telephone: **0800 023 4567*** or
0300 123 9123**

Fax: **0207 964 1001**



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

Website: **www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk**

* free for people phoning from a 'fixed line' (for example, a landline at home)

** free for mobile phone users who pay a monthly charge for calls to numbers starting 01 or 02

Our promise to you

We will

- Acknowledge written complaints promptly.
- Investigate **your** complaint quickly and thoroughly.
- Keep **you** informed of progress of **your** complaint.
- Do everything possible to resolve **your** complaint.
- Learn from **our** mistakes.
- Use the information from complaints to continuously improve **our** service.

Telephone calls may be monitored and recorded.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

AXA Insurance UK plc are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation in the unlikely event **we** cannot meet **our** obligations to **you**. This depends on the type of insurance, size of the **business** and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk).

The European Commission has also provided an Online Dispute Resolution Service for logging complaints. To use this service please go to: <http://ec.europa.eu/odr>

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