

LLOYD'S UNDERWRITERS CODE OF CONSUMER RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Lloyd's Underwriters are committed to safeguarding your rights when you shop for insurance and when you submit a claim following a loss. Your rights include the right to be informed fully, to be treated fairly, to timely complaint resolution, and to privacy. These rights are grounded in the contract between you and your underwriters and the insurance laws of your province/territory. With rights, however, come responsibilities including, for example, the expectation that you will provide complete and accurate information to the underwriters with whom insurance is being negotiated. Your policy outlines other important responsibilities. Underwriters and intermediaries acting on your behalf, and governments also have important roles to play in ensuring that your rights are protected.

Right to Be Informed

In dealing with Lloyd's Underwriters, you will be represented by an intermediary, such as a broker acting as your agent, and they may deal with other intermediaries. From the intermediary with whom you deal, you can expect to access clear information about your policy, your coverage, and the claims settlement process. You have the right to an easy-to-understand explanation of how insurance works and how it will meet your needs. You also have a right to know how premiums are calculated based on relevant facts.

A policy issued by Lloyd's Underwriters will expire on the day specified in the policy. If you wish to renew the policy, the intermediary with whom you deal will have to approach the Underwriters participating in it, often through another intermediary. If Lloyd's Underwriters are given the information they require to determine renewal terms for the policy at least 45 days prior to its expiry, under normal circumstances, they will advise the intermediary who approaches them of any changes to the policy terms at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the policy. Terms may subsequently change if there is a change in material facts prior to the expiration date.

Intermediaries may receive payments from Lloyd's Underwriters in a variety of ways, which may include the payment of commissions. Lloyd's strongly supports the disclosure and transparency of these commission arrangements. You have the right to ask the intermediary with whom you deal for details of how and by whom the intermediary is being paid.

Lloyd's Underwriters accept business as members of syndicates each of which is managed by a 'managing agent'. Lloyd's has risk management procedures in place in respect of the relationship between Lloyd's managing agents and any related companies that act as intermediaries. This is to ensure that the managing agent makes proper disclosures of any such arrangements. A policyholder may ask the intermediary with whom he is dealing to disclose if it is a related company to a Lloyd's managing agent. Depending on the jurisdiction, disclosure may be required in writing.

Responsibility to Ask Questions and Share Information

To safeguard your right to purchase appropriate coverage at a competitive price, you should ask questions about your policy so that you understand what it covers and what your obligations are under it. You can access information through brochures and websites, as well as through one-on-one meetings with the intermediary with whom you deal. You have the option to shop the marketplace for the combination of coverages and service levels that best suits your insurance needs. To maintain your protection against loss, you must promptly inform your underwriters of any change in your circumstances through the intermediary with whom you deal. The Underwriters with whom renewal is being negotiated must be given information required to determine renewal terms of your policy, via the intermediary whom you are dealing with, at least 45 days prior to the expiration of the policy.

Right to Complaint Resolution

Lloyd's Underwriters are committed to high standards of customer service. If you have a complaint about the service you have received, you have a right to access the Lloyd's complaint resolution process for Canada. The intermediary with whom you deal can provide you with information about how you can ensure that your complaint is heard and promptly handled. Disputes involving claims settlement matters may be handled by the independent General Insurance OmbudService www.gio-scad.org where your complaint may be referred to an independent Mediator or Senior Adjudicative Officer.

Responsibility to Resolve Disputes

You should always enter into the dispute resolution process in good faith, provide required information in a timely manner, and remain open to recommendations made by independent observers as part of that process.

Right to Professional Service

You have the right to deal with insurance professionals who exhibit a high ethical standard, which includes acting with honesty, integrity, fairness and skill. Brokers and agents must exhibit extensive knowledge of the product, its coverages and its limitations in order to best serve you.

Right to Privacy

Because it is important for you to disclose any and all information required by underwriters with whom insurance is being negotiated on your behalf to provide the insurance coverage that best suits you, you have the right to know from the intermediary with whom you deal the purposes for which Lloyd's Underwriters will use your personal information. This information will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by law. You should know that Lloyd's Underwriters are subject to Canada's privacy laws with respect to their business in Canada.