

The legal bit

Important Notice – Statement of Suitability

This is an important document which sets out the reasons why this 5 year Furniture Protection Plan is considered suitable, or the most suitable, for your particular needs, objectives and circumstances.

Important information – what happens next?

This is only a list of the main details of the cover. See the plan certificate for full terms and conditions. When your new furniture has been delivered, you will receive a certificate for your Guardsman Protection Plan, which contains the full terms and conditions, limits of cover and exclusions (things that are not covered). If you would like to see a copy of these before purchase, please ask your retailer.

If you do not receive the plan certificate within 28 days of your furniture being delivered, phone Policy Administration on 01235 444747, email policy.admin@guardsman.co.uk or write to Guardsman using the address below. Please make sure you have your invoice for the furniture to hand.

The policy holder is the person named on the invoice. Only they can register claims and update contact information.

What is covered

Your Guardsman Protection Plan covers you for sudden incidents of accidental **staining** to the outer cover of the item, accidental **damage** (resulting in rips, punctures, scuffs, burns, chips, or scratches). Your furniture is only covered if you keep to the terms and conditions of the plan and have paid the premium.

Your plan will cover you for the cost of carrying out repairs or removing stains according to the level of cover set out under the 'Your Coverage Includes' section on the front of your plan certificate.

Your item will be covered if:

1. it was delivered to your home in satisfactory condition; and
2. you have used and cared for the item in line with the retailer/manufacture's guidelines.

If the item cannot be repaired, we may choose to replace the damaged part or provide a replacement item (whichever we see fit). Or we may settle the claim by giving you a payment of up to the cost of a repair or replacement (up to the limit of indemnity).

Cover applies only if the item is kept in a private home in the UK (not including the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man). It does not apply if the item is:

- in a property or room which you rent out;
- in any business premises; or
- on a boat/in a caravan.

What is not covered

Your Guardsman Protection Plan will not cover you for the following:

1. structural damage to the furniture inc. the mattress, such as broken springs or it not springing back to its original shape;
2. damage caused by incorrect assembly of furniture;
3. fraying of upholstery and any issues with stitching, loss of buttons, or separation of coats or layers of pigment, veneer or finishes;
4. damage or stains resulting from any cleaning substances being used incorrectly or using unsuitable cleaning materials;
5. any natural characteristic of the covering of the item including leather cracking or fabric bobbling, swirls, cracks, splits or hairline marks to wooden or high gloss finishes;
6. any damage caused while the item is being transported or stored; damage caused by contractors; neglect, abuse or misuse; or by malicious damage;
7. damage caused by pets biting or chewing the item;
8. pets scratching the item where it is not a one-off and sudden incident of damage;
9. deterioration of the products appearance through normal use or general soiling (for example wear on high areas of use or a build-up of oils on a headboard and so on);
10. colour loss, fading, fire, scorching, flood, burst pipes (including radiator leaks), the effects of sunlight, wind or weather, damage caused by leaking roofs and conservatories, theft or any other similar cause;

11. any other costs that are indirectly caused by the event which led to your claim, unless specifically stated in the Guardsman Protection Plan;
12. routine repair and cleaning, even if carried out by a Guardsman-approved repairer or cleaner;
13. any failure of repairs not carried out under this plan;
14. damaged or broken audio/visual devices and any mechanisms associated with them;
15. handheld, wireless devices (including battery packs), used to operate functions, if these are not permanently attached to the item;
16. accidental staining and/or damage to the mattress protector bought in conjunction with this plan;
17. damage to the mattress if a Guardsman approved mattress protector is not in use at the time of the incident.
18. an accumulation of multiple stain types across multiple areas of the item.

Period of cover

Accidental damage and accidental staining – cover starts on the date the item is delivered and lasts for 5 years.

The plan will end if the item is replaced following a successful claim, as explained in the plan certificate.

Making a claim

If you need to make a claim under this plan, phone us within 28 days on 0345 128 1240. Please have your plan certificate to hand. When you call we will explain the claims process.

Guardsman Terms of Business

Complaints procedure

If you are not happy with how we have dealt with you, contact Guardsman Complaints. Telephone: 01235 444 751, email: complaints@guardsman.co.uk or write to Guardsman at the address below.

You may also be able to contact the Financial Ombudsman by submitting your claim online www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk or email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk or telephone 0207 964 1000 or write to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange, Isle of Dogs, London E14 9SR.

The Guardsman Complaints Team will advise you. Full details of the complaints procedures are given in your plan certificate. Making a complaint will not affect your legal rights.

Cancellation

If you want to cancel your cover before your furniture is delivered, or within 30 days of it being delivered to your home, contact your retailer. If the furniture has been treated with a stain protector, you will only be entitled to a 75% refund of the price you paid for this protection plan. If you want to cancel 30 days or more after your furniture is delivered, please contact Guardsman Policy Administration. A £10 administration fee will be taken off any refund. Full details are given in your plan certificate.

The insurer and administrator

Your Guardsman Protection Plan is underwritten by Fortegra Europe Insurance Company Ltd (Malta Company registration number C 84703) who is authorised and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority, and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority under reference number 805770. Fortegra are licenced and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority, Notabile Road, Attard, BKR3000, Malta. The Plan will be administered by Guardsman which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under registration number 311766. These details can be checked on the financial services register at www.fca.gov.uk or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

Protection for customers

Fortegra Europe Insurance Company Ltd is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information is available from their website at www.fscs.org.uk

Law applicable

Unless you and the insurer agree otherwise, the plan will be governed by the law that applies in the part of the UK you live in. Any communication between the insurer and the administrator will be in English.

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5 Year Bedroom Protection Plan

Accidents happen,
but relax, we've got you covered.





Complete peace of mind for you to enjoy your furniture



It covers life's little accidents, such as food or drink spills and accidental damage.



When you have an accident, simply claim by calling our UK call centre or download a claim form online.



There are no excesses to pay or annual renewal costs.



Wherever possible, our expert technicians always try to repair the damage.



If it can't be repaired, we will replace the damaged part/item or offer a cash settlement up to the cost of the repair or replacement.



Claims can be made at any point throughout the 5 years, up to the indemnity value of your plan. This is the price you originally paid for your furniture or £25,000, whichever is the lowest.

A Protection Plan is essentially 'no excess' furniture insurance

So... what am I actually covered for?

We'll cover you for accidents to your bed and bedroom furniture that result in damage and staining.

Accidental stains such as...

- ✓ **Food** eg. chocolate
- ✓ **Drinks** eg. tea and coffee
- ✓ **Human and animal bodily fluids** eg. blood and vomit
- ✓ **Ink** eg. ballpoint pen, felt tip or permanent marker
- ✓ **Paint**
- ✓ **Oil based stains** eg. grease or tar
- ✓ **Adhesives** and glues
- ✓ **Bleaches** and other household cleaning products
- ✓ **Make-up** and toiletries
- ✓ **Acidic liquids** eg. vinegar and lemon juice

Accidental damage such as...

- ✓ **Tears and rips** eg. caused by keys
- ✓ **Burns** caused by cigarettes
- ✓ **Scuffs and scratches**
- ✓ **Pet scratches** (not as a result of a build up)

We do not cover for:

- ✗ General cleaning
- ✗ Wear and tear
- ✗ Colour change
- ✗ Animal chewing
- ✗ Odours
- ✗ Damage caused by perspiration
- ✗ Damage to the mattress if a Guardsman approved mattress protector is not in use
- ✗ Structural faults
- ✗ Damage or staining to the mattress protector

A Guardsman Protection Plan is not a substitute for regular care and cleaning. We'll take care of the accidents, but the day to day care is down to you. Visit www.safeclean.co.uk to find your local technician and obtain a free quotation.

This Bedroom Protection Plan meets the demands and needs of those who are eligible and wish to protect their furniture against accidental stains and damage for 5 years.