

ATTENTION ALL HOMEOWNERS – VALUING YOUR CONTENTS

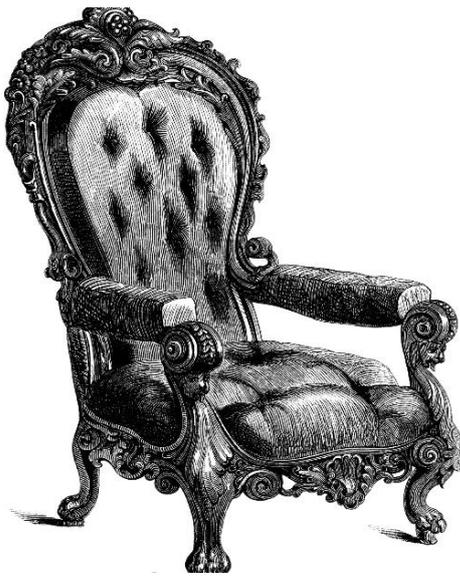
When you're taking out contents insurance, valuing your Belongings accurately is key to ensuring the policy meets your needs.

We've created this guide to help you reach a full replacement value for all of your contents. We've included useful tips and highlighted some areas that are often overlooked such as increase in value, particularly with watches, jewellery, fine art and antiques.

Around **75%**
of high net worth
homeowners are
underinsured

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LIVING SPACES



Typical contents

Sofas, chairs, tables, works of art, books, ornaments, musical instruments, carpets and rugs, linen, curtains, home cinema, sound system, light fittings.

Tips

- Flooring – include your carpet and rugs in your contents valuations but not hardwood, stone or tile – these may be covered by your buildings insurance.
- Window dressings – include curtains, blinds and any adornments
- The value of art can be affected by many factors e.g. events such as an artist's death can substantially reflect in its value. Regular professional valuations are recommended.

Speak to us if you would like to discuss this further.

BATHROOMS



Typical contents

Mirrors (non-built in), towels, linen, cosmetics, electrical items.

ATTICS, CELLARS, OUTBUILDINGS, STORAGE AREAS



Typical contents

Bikes, sports and gym equipment, tools, garden equipment, outdoor toys.

Tips

We recommend carrying out a walk through annually to ensure all items are documented and new acquisitions captured.

JEWELLERY



Typical contents

Watches, necklaces, brooches, bracelets, rings, cufflinks, earrings.

Tips

This can be a major area of underinsurance. You may have single items worth over £5,000 specified on your policy, but it's important to make sure that all other jewellery is properly valued too. Smaller pieces may add up to more than you think.

We recommend that jewellery items are valued every three years by a recognised jewellery valuation company such as one belonging to the National Association of Goldsmiths (N.A.G) or Fellow of the Gemmological Association (F.G.A).

KITCHENS



Typical contents

Appliances, glassware, crystal, table linen, furniture, utensils, cutlery, pots, pans, bakeware, knives, dinner service, food, fine wines and spirits.

Tips

- Include all small kitchen appliances
- Include freestanding cabinets and appliances but not built-in cabinets and integrated appliances.

BEDROOMS AND DRESSING ROOMS



Typical contents

Furniture, bedlinen, cosmetics and perfumes, carpet and rugs, handbags, shoes and clothing.

Tips

- Check all storage areas in bedrooms
- include all specialist sports clothing – those technical items can add up.
- Pay special attention to bespoke tailoring or vintage items of clothing.

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS



Typical contents

Tablets, TVs, phones, software, boosters, headphones, laptops, cameras, sports cameras, smart watches, fitness bands, games consoles, controllers, games, gaming headsets, sound systems.

Tips

- The amount of technology in your house may be more than you think.
- Remember to include any software in your valuation.
- Remember to include music and film collections.

Technology and gadgets are an integral part of our lives and it can be easy to overlook just how much we have. See the example below to see how quickly it can add up – and remember, there's always the latest and greatest version of each device, raising the overall value of your technology with each purchase.

TYPICAL TECHNOLOGY FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR

4 Smart phones	£3,000	Games	£ 750
2 Action sport cameras	£ 750	2 Gaming headsets	£ 100
3 Smart watches	£1,110	Wireless Speaker	£ 5,000
4 Tablets	£3,100	4 digital TV boxes	£ 1,000
2 Fitness bands	£ 250	Router & booster	£ 100
3 Headphones	£ 850	Smart Heating	£ 100
2 Laptops/Desktops	£4,000	4 Smart TV's	£15,000

Example for guidance only, prices taken across various premium brands in November 2016.

Technology total

£35,710



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