



# AA Small Business Insurance Policy

Here are the details of your  
**Equipment Breakdown  
Policy Module**



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# Welcome to AA Insurance

Thank you for choosing AA Insurance. When you need us, we'll get things sorted for you.

This policy document explains your insurance cover, your responsibilities and how to make a claim. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place.

## How to contact us

For sales, service and general queries:

- Call us on **0800 500 213**

For claims enquiries:

- Call us on **0800 500 216**

For more information:

- Go to [aainsurance.co.nz](http://aainsurance.co.nz)

## Your insurance contract

Your insurance contract consists of this policy document and your [policy schedule](#). Your policy document and [policy schedule](#) are designed to be read together. If there is a conflict between the information in this policy document and your [policy schedule](#), your [policy schedule](#) takes priority.

This cover is subject to the limits, terms and conditions which are set out within this policy document.

We agree to provide this cover as long as you have paid the premium due.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us.

## If you have a concern

We value our customers and aim to deliver the best service possible. We also appreciate and encourage your feedback – the good and the bad. If you're not satisfied with one of our policies, our service or a decision we make, please tell us. Often a quick conversation with one of our representatives can help resolve things.

If we can't agree or if you are still unhappy, please let us know. We can explain our complaints procedure to you and we have a Customer Resolution Service in place to assist you if needed.

We're here to  
get things sorted.

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# Reading your policy

## Headings

Headings in this policy document are there to help guide you. You shouldn't rely on headings to interpret the policy. To understand your policy, the full text should be read.

## Words with specific meaning

We have coloured some words blue. These words have a specific meaning and are explained in the 'Definitions' section at the end of this policy document.

We also use the following common terms throughout this policy document which have the below meanings:

- 'we', 'us' or 'our' means AA Insurance Limited
- 'you' or 'your' means the **insured** and any other **persons insured**.

# Cancelling your policy

## If you change your mind

We provide you with a 21 day cooling-off period. You can cancel your policy within 21 days from the day cover began, provided you have not made a claim. We will then refund in full any premium you have paid.

## Cancellation by you

You may cancel your policy at any time, unless you have made a claim. If you cancel outside the cooling-off period and you have not made a claim, we will refund you any amount we owe after the cancellation date, less any cancellation fee shown on your **policy schedule**.

## Cancellation by us

We may cancel your policy at any time by sending you a notice to this effect. The cancellation will take effect on the 7th day after the notice has been sent. We will refund you any amount we owe after the cancellation date.

# What you are covered for

We will cover you for damage to refrigeration **machinery** under 5.6kW (7.5 hp), that requires immediate repair or replacement of the **refrigeration machinery** before it can resume normal working, that occurs during the **period of insurance**.

# Limits on what we will pay

The most we will pay for all **events** combined in any one **period of insurance** is \$5,000.

We will reduce the amount we pay by the total applicable excess and any other deductions set out in this policy module.

## Property insured under any other policy module

If you have cover under this Equipment Breakdown policy module and any other policy module for the same item of property, you are only entitled to cover under one policy module for any one **event**.

## Automatic extensions

The following extensions are automatically included in your cover.

### Expediting costs

We will cover the costs of express freight within New Zealand and overtime labour that is reasonably incurred to expedite the reinstatement of **damaged refrigeration machinery**.

The most we will pay is 1.5 times the normal freight costs, and 1.5 times the normal hourly rates.

The most we will pay for any one **event** is \$1,000.

### Refrigerant gas

We will cover the reasonable costs of additional or replacement refrigerant gas that is required as a result of **damage** to **refrigeration machinery**.

The most we will pay for any one **event** is \$500.

## Additional extension

If you have chosen to include the following extension, it will be shown on your **policy schedule**.

### Overseas air freight charges

We will cover the reasonable costs incurred for the delivery of any part necessary to repair **damaged refrigeration machinery** by overseas air freight on a regular scheduled airline service.

The most we will pay for any one **event** \$1,000.

# Making a claim

This section explains what you need to do when you make a claim.

## Claims conditions

You must co-operate with us and give us any information or help we ask for in relation to your claim.

As soon as you are aware of an [event](#), circumstance or occurrence you must comply with the following conditions:

- take all reasonable steps to minimise the loss and prevent further [damage](#)
- tell the police in the case of theft, burglary, vandalism or arson, or the attempt at these
- do not admit responsibility for any loss, [damage](#) or liability
- do not, without our consent, incur any expense or negotiate pay, settle, or make any agreement in relation to any claim.

As soon as possible you must also:

- tell us of the [event](#) and give full details and circumstances of what has happened, including details of everyone involved
- send us all relevant communications which you receive
- obtain our permission before you incur any expense, other than the reasonable cost of urgent work to prevent further [damage](#)
- keep damaged property for our inspection and allow us to inspect any building or other property where [damage](#) has occurred
- provide a detailed description of the damaged items, proof of ownership and any other information or evidence that we may require
- let us at our expense and in your name to take any action necessary against any other party and to take over and conduct the defence and settlement of any claim against you
- provide all reasonable assistance and co-operate with us and our assessors, investigators, lawyers or anyone else we appoint to assist, in the making of your claim, its settlement and any defence of a potential claim against you or any action against anyone else

## If you do not comply with these conditions

If you do not comply with any of these conditions, we can:

- decline your claim
- recover from you what we have already paid.

## After your claim is accepted

If any lost or stolen property for which we have paid a claim is later found or recovered, you must:

- tell us immediately, and
- if we request it, hand the property over to us.

We have the right to keep any property, including any proceeds from its sale, for which we have paid a claim under this policy subject to adjustment if you have not been fully indemnified for your loss.

If any person is ordered to make or otherwise makes [reparation](#) to you for loss or [damage](#) to any property for which we have paid a claim under this policy you must reimburse us for that payment as soon as any [reparation](#) is made, subject to adjustment if you have not been fully indemnified.

## You will have to pay an excess

An excess is the amount you must pay for each individual [event](#). We may deduct your excess from the total settlement amount.

The total excess is determined by the circumstances of your claim. You might have to pay more than one type of excess when you make a claim. The excesses will be noted in this policy document and/or in your [policy schedule](#).

If you claim under more than one policy with us for loss, [damage](#), or liability caused by a single [event](#) or occurrence at the same location, you will only have to pay one excess. This will be the highest total applicable excess. This does not apply to any loss caused by [natural disaster damage](#).

A series of [events](#) arising from any one cause during any period of 72 consecutive hours will be treated as one [event](#) for the purposes of determining the excess you need to pay.

# How we will settle your claim

At our option, we will

- Repair the [refrigeration machinery](#)
- Pay the costs to repair the [refrigeration machinery](#)
- Replace the [refrigeration machinery](#).

## Repairing your refrigeration machinery

We can choose to repair your [refrigeration machinery](#) if it has been [damaged](#).

If we arrange to repair your [refrigeration machinery](#), we will ensure it is repaired to a standard comparable to the condition of your [refrigeration machinery](#) immediately before the [event](#).

If your own staff carry out the repairs, we will only pay the cost of materials and wages incurred for the repairs plus a reasonable allowance to cover overhead charges.

## Paying the costs to repair

We can choose to pay for the cost of the repairs to your [refrigeration machinery](#) if it has been [damaged](#).

If we choose to pay the costs the most we will pay is the lesser of:

- the reasonable cost of the repairs as estimated by our assessor, or
- the amount we would have paid if we had arranged the repair ourselves.

If any parts are unavailable, the most we will pay for these parts is the lesser of:

- the manufacturer's last known list price
- the price of the part's closest equivalent
- the cost of having a new part made.

## Replacing your refrigeration machinery

If your [refrigeration machinery](#) is destroyed, we will at our option:

- pay you the [Market Value](#) of the [refrigeration machinery](#)
- replace the [refrigeration machinery](#) with the nearest equivalent with the same functions, characteristics and specifications, but not the brand or price, of the [refrigeration machinery](#) and we will pay any costs for ordinary freight and installation.

## Classifying your refrigeration machinery as a total loss

We will classify your [refrigeration machinery](#) as a total loss if any of the following apply:

- in our opinion, it is not safe to repair the [damage](#)
- in our opinion, the cost of repairing your [refrigeration machinery](#) is more than the [Market Value](#) or it is uneconomic to repair.

If we classify your [refrigeration machinery](#) as a total loss we will settle your claim under 'Replacing your refrigeration machinery'.

## Salvage

Where [refrigeration machinery](#) is [damaged](#), we may:

- enter any building or other place where the [refrigeration machinery](#) is located and take all reasonable and necessary steps to take and keep possession of the damaged [refrigeration machinery](#), and
- deal with the salvage in any reasonable manner; however you are not entitled to abandon any [refrigeration machinery](#) to us.

# What you are not covered for

This section explains what your policy does not cover. These exclusions apply to all sections of this policy.

## Intentional damage

This policy does not cover any **damage**, cost or liability, directly or indirectly caused by, arising from or involving acts or omissions which are intentional, reckless, deliberate, malicious or have criminal intent by you, anyone covered by this policy or any person with a financial or ownership interest in the **refrigeration machinery** or in your **business**.

## Existing damage

This policy does not cover an **event** which happened before your policy started.

## Excesses and other insurance

This policy does not cover your excess on this or any other policy.

This policy does not provide cover where cover is provided by other insurance or by a warranty or guarantee. We will not contribute towards any claim made under any other policy.

## Alterations or repairs

This policy does not cover the cost of any of the following:

- alterations, additions, improvements, overhauls, or maintenance
- provisional repairs unless such repairs constitute part of the final repairs and do not increase the total repair cost
- extra charges incurred for overtime work or work performed on public holidays, express freight, or air freight, except where cover is provided under Automatic extension 'Expediting costs' or Additional extension 'Overseas airfreight charges'.

## Consequential loss or incurred costs

This policy does not cover any of the following:

- loss of use
- consequential losses of any kind
- costs or expenses you may incur in order for you to prove or assist us with your claim
- repairs that are not related to your claim.

This includes any loss of income, loss of or reduction in value, additional costs or expenses (unless covered by the automatic or additional extensions in this policy), compensation for your time or anyone else's time or materials used, and any other liability incurred due to your **refrigeration machinery** not being able to be used.

## Defects or process

This policy does not cover **damage**:

- caused by any faults or defects existing at the time of commencement of this insurance or any subsequent renewal of the insurance and known to you or your representatives and not disclosed to us, or
- resulting from experiments or overload or similar tests requiring the imposition of abnormal conditions, or
- resulting from the direct application of any tool or process as part of maintenance, inspection, repair, alteration, modification or overhaul.

## Damage from certain events

This policy does not cover any **damage** directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from any of the following:

- fire, lightning, smoke, soot, chemical or dust explosion of any kind
- wind, storm, flood, hail, snow, frost, ice, water, accidental leakage or spillage of gas, vapour or liquid
- aircraft or other aerial devices or articles dropped from them
- impact by animals, land borne vehicles, or waterborne craft
- riot, civil commotion, strike, locked out workers, vandalism, malicious acts
- burglary and theft or any attempt at these
- earthquake, hydrothermal activity, subterranean fire or volcanic eruption
- subsidence, landslip, erosion, settling, cracking or movement of the land.

## Parts and operating media

This policy does not cover:

- parts that by their use or nature suffer a high rate of wear or depreciation including but not limited to ropes, belts, straps, cables other than electrical conductors, fuses, brushes, batteries, tyres, refractory material, burner jets, or
- operating media such as fuels, chemicals, catalysts, filter substances, heat transfer media, cleansing agents or lubricants, other than refrigerant gas covered by Automatic extension - 'Refrigerant gas'.

## Wear, tear or gradual damage

This policy does not cover in respect of **refrigeration machinery** or part immediately affected:

- scratching of painted or polished surfaces
- wasting or wearing away or wearing out of any part caused by or naturally resulting from ordinary use or working
- gradual deterioration, erosion or corrosion
- direct consequences of progressive or continuing influences of atmospheric or chemical action.

### **Confiscation**

This policy does not cover any loss, **damage**, injury, liability or prosecution of any type directly or indirectly caused by, arising from, or involving confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or destruction of, or **damage** to property by order of government, public or local authority (unless the order is given to control any loss or **damage** that is covered by this policy).

### **Electronic data**

This policy does not cover any loss of or **damage** to electronic data and software, from any cause whatsoever including, but not limited to, a computer virus. This includes loss of use, reduction in functionality or any other associated loss or expense in connection with electronic data and software.

However this exclusion does not apply to physical **damage** to other **refrigeration machinery** that results from that **damage** to electronic data, and which is not otherwise excluded.

### **War, terrorism or nuclear incidents**

This policy does not cover any loss, cost or liability, directly or indirectly caused by, arising from, or involving:

- war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities, civil war or warlike operations (whether war is declared or not)
- mutiny, civil commotion assuming proportions of or amounting to a popular uprising, military uprising, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power
- any act, including but not limited to the threat, or use of violence, which from its nature and context is done for, or in connection with, political, religious, ideological, ethnic, or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public or any member of the public in fear
- nuclear weapons, ionising radiations, or contamination by radioactivity from nuclear fuel or the combustion of waste from nuclear fuel.

### **If it is unlawful or otherwise prohibited to insure**

This policy does not cover any loss, **damage**, injury, liability, or prosecution of any type, directly or indirectly caused by, or arising from any act, **event**, occurrence or thing against which insurance is either:

- unlawful, or
- prohibited by any sanction, prohibition, or restriction under the laws or regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to us or our parent company or its ultimate controlling entity.

## **You must tell us about certain things**

Some parts of this policy can cover other parties as well as you. You and any person covered by this policy must meet all the following conditions and obligations to gain benefit of any cover under this policy. No claim will be payable where any person covered under this policy does not meet any of the terms and conditions.

Nothing in this policy affects the common law rights of either party, including our right to avoid your policy for non-disclosure. This means your policy will be treated as if it never existed and any claim payments must be returned to us.

### **You must disclose material information and give us full and accurate statements**

Your policy with us relies on the accuracy of the information supplied by you, or any person on your behalf. You must advise us of all **material information** before the start of this policy and before each renewal or variation of the policy.

You must also give us full and accurate information and answer honestly, correctly and completely all questions we ask you. Failure to do so entitles us to deny any claim and to cancel this and any other policy you have with us from the date the information should have been provided.

### **You must tell us if there is a change in circumstances**

You must tell us immediately of any change in circumstances that have happened after the start of this policy or that you know is going to happen and which may increase any of the following:

- the amount of the risk
- the risk of loss, **damage** or liability
- the risk of insuring you.

As a result of these changes in circumstances, or if you fail to tell us immediately of any change in circumstances, we may:

- change your policy terms and make alterations to your premium
- reduce cover or change limits
- not insure you for any loss, **damage** or liability that happens after the date of the change in circumstances
- cancel your policy.



## You must comply with certain conditions

### You must avoid loss, damage or liability

You must take all reasonable care to avoid doing anything that could result in a claim, and at your cost and expense, must take reasonable steps to:

- ensure all property covered by this insurance is kept safe and protected from possible loss or [damage](#)
- maintain any protective devices, including but not limited to alarms, in an operational condition
- avoid any loss, [damage](#) or personal injury to any person or thing for which you could be held legally liable
- comply with all legal requirements for the safety of people or property.

### You must not transfer your legal rights

You must not assign or transfer, or attempt to assign or transfer this policy or your interest in this policy to any other party.

## How we administer your policy

### Paying premiums

If your premium is overdue, we may refuse to make any claim payments until your overdue premiums have been paid.

If there is a change to your premium which remains unpaid, or you do not pay the full amount of your premium, we may reduce the [period of insurance](#) in line with the proportion of the unpaid premium.

If your premium remains unpaid for 28 days, your policy will automatically be terminated and you will not be sent a cancellation notice.

### Sending notices

We will send any notice, [policy schedule](#) or other written documents to your last known physical, postal or email address.

### Noting interested parties

By noting an Interested party on your [policy schedule](#), you are authorising us to disclose your information to them. If your [policy schedule](#) shows an Interested party, we may partially or fully settle your claim by making a payment to them, fulfilling our obligations under this policy. Anyone noted as an Interested party is not covered by this policy and cannot make a claim under this policy.

### You are jointly insured

All those listed as [insured](#) are jointly insured and are considered to act with the expressed authority of each other. This means that if anyone does or fails to do anything so that there is no cover, there will be no cover for any of the [insureds](#).

Each [insured](#) has the right to:

- make a change to the policy
- make a claim under the policy
- receive claim proceeds under the policy, and
- cancel the policy.

### Currency

All amounts referred to in your policy are expressed in New Zealand currency and include Goods and Services Tax (GST). We will pay all claims in New Zealand currency.

### Governing law

This policy is governed by New Zealand law, and the New Zealand courts have exclusive jurisdiction over any legal proceedings about it.

# Definitions

## Business

The business and occupation described in your [policy schedule](#).

## Damage

Sudden, unforeseen accidental physical loss, or sudden unforeseen, accidental physical damage.

## Employee

Any of the following while working for any [insured](#) in connection with the [business](#):

- a person under a contract of service or apprenticeship with any [insured](#)
- a person hired or borrowed by any [insured](#)
- a labour only sub-contractor.

## Event

A sudden, accidental and unforeseen occurrence that causes [damage](#), that is not intended or expected by you.

## Insured

The person, company, or entity listed as 'Who's insured' on your [policy schedule](#) domiciled in New Zealand.

## Market Value

The value of the [refrigeration machinery](#) in New Zealand that is of equivalent age and capability, with due allowance for age, wear, tear, depreciation, and prior maintenance. Market Value is not the replacement or retail value of the item.

## Material information

Any information which might influence the decision we make as to whether to provide insurance and if so on what terms and at what premium.

## Natural disasters

Earthquake, tsunami, volcanic activity, hydrothermal activity, geothermal activity, or subterranean fire, or fire occasioned by, through or in consequence of any of these.

## Natural disaster damage

Any of the following:

- [damage](#) directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from [natural disaster](#)
- [damage](#) occurring (whether accidentally or not) as the direct result of measures taken under proper authority to avoid the spreading of, or otherwise to reduce the consequences of, any such [damage](#) but does not include any [damage](#) for which compensation is payable under any Act.

## Period of insurance

When your policy starts, to when it ends. It is shown on your [policy schedule](#), unless the policy is ended earlier.

## Persons insured

Any of the following:

- any person who holds the position of or performs the duties of director, executive officer, trustee, secretary, manager, partner, or who holds any other position as an [employee](#) of the [insured](#) while acting in that capacity
- the officers, committees and members of the [insured's](#) own canteen, social sports and child care facilities or welfare organisations, first aid, fire and ambulance services, pension fund management and administrative committees in their respective capacities as such
- any [subsidiary company](#).

## Policy schedule

The most recent policy schedule we have sent you which includes, who's insured, business description, business address and the policy modules you have selected.

## Refrigeration machinery

Refrigeration units ordinarily used for the storage of food including all integral parts of them.

## Reparation

An amount ordered by a New Zealand Court under Section 32 of the Sentencing Act 2002 to be paid to the victim of an offence. Reparation does not include:

- damages, court costs, fines, penalties, any other form of criminal sanction, non-pecuniary relief, taxes, any payment deemed to be unlawful to insure against, or
- your defence costs in relation to an offence.

## Subsidiary company

Any of the following:

- any company that, at the inception of the [period of insurance](#), by any applicable legislation, was or is deemed to be a subsidiary of the [insured](#)
- any company in which the company named in your [policy schedule](#):
  - owns or directly or indirectly controls more than fifty percent of the issued share capital
  - controls the composition of the board of directors
  - exercises effective management and control, either directly or through one or more of its subsidiary companies, or
- any other company whose accounts are consolidated into those of the company named in your [policy schedule](#) in accordance with the relevant New Zealand Accounting Standard.

# Can we help with anything else?

## Home Insurance

Protection for the place you love to call home.

## Contents Insurance

Cover for your personal belongings at home and around New Zealand.

## Comprehensive Car Insurance

Comprehensive cover with optional extras to suit your car.

## Third Party, Fire and Theft Car Insurance

All the benefits of Third Party Car Insurance and cover if your car is stolen or damaged by fire.

## Third Party Car Insurance

Cover if you accidentally damage another person's vehicle or property.

## Landlord Insurance

Protection for your investment property.

## Classic Vehicle Insurance

Specialised cover to protect your pride and joy.

## Motorhome Insurance

Cover for your home away from home.

## Caravan/Trailer Insurance

Put your worries about what you're towing behind you.

## Motorcycle Insurance

Tailored cover to suit your motorcycle.

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