

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NZI HOUSE & CONTENTS INSURANCE – NZI INSURANCE**

### **MY RECOMMENDATION**

Underinsurance is an ongoing issue in the New Zealand home insurance market. It presents a real risk to customers who may not have a sufficient sum insured to rebuild their home in the event of a total loss. In some circumstances partial losses may reach the total sum insured, leaving the customer unable to complete full repairs with their total sum insured payment.

Insurance is about the security it offers when disaster strikes but it is important you check and update the sum insured so you are up to date with the increasing costs of building in New Zealand. Since the Canterbury & Kaikoura earthquakes the building code has been upgraded and specifically the new foundation requirements mean the cost of this alone can be significant.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a few examples of important details required when making the decision regarding the sum insured:

- Uniquely constructed homes
- Homes with a large floor area
- A home that is likely to be a significant rebuild including demolition and site clearance costs
- Homes that would require special foundations due to the site specific nature of the land being built on slope or soft soils, including those prone to liquefaction.
- Calculating the correct square metres – this needs to include attached garages and the 2<sup>nd</sup> storey if applicable
- Decks, separate garages/outbuildings should be noted separately including the square metres
- Specified items – swimming pool, spa pool, tennis courts, retaining walls, garden features –these should be noted separately.

#### **Recommendation:**

To ensure your **house** is adequately insured should a disaster happen, I recommend you obtain an insurance valuation from a registered valuer or you can do this yourself by visiting [www.need2know.org.nz](http://www.need2know.org.nz) and using the online sum insured calculator.

**Contents** – if you have any items that should be specified please let me know as soon as possible. Below is a schedule for your information the full detail is contained in the policy wordings.

The most **we** will pay for any **event**, for any of the following is:

1. \$5,000 for any single: item of jewellery, watch, **collection, camera** (film, video or digital), or camera accessory, and
2. \$3,000 for any: surfboard, surf ski, kite surfer, paddle board, windsurfer, dinghy, kayak or canoe (including their parts and accessories that are in them or attached to them), and
3. \$5,000 for any bicycle, and

4. \$1,000 in total for: money, vouchers that can be redeemed for cash, bullions, unset precious stones, credit cards, or stamps not being part of a **collection**, and
5. \$2,500 in total for all parts or accessories of any:
  - (a) **watercraft**, or
  - (b) **motor vehicle**, motor cycle, motor scooter, trailer, caravan, or
  - (c) aircraft or other aerial device, that are not in it or attached to it, and
6. \$1,500 for any **motor vehicle** accessory that is attached to **your** employer's **motor vehicle**, and
7. \$2,000 for any model aircraft or toy aircraft (including their parts and accessories that are in them or attached to them),  
unless the item is shown as a **specified item**.

**Vehicles** – should be excluding GST and any modifications need to be specified

NOTE: This is a brief description only and should not be seen as the Policy wording but should be read in conjunction with the Terms & Conditions of the policy.