# M&S CLUB REWARDS TRAVEL INSURANCE

# **Policy Booklet**

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# **ABOUT M&S BANK**

This product is appropriate for the needs of those who wish to ensure they are covered against specific events whilst travelling away from home throughout the duration of the policy. Please refer to the Policy Schedule, Insurance Product Information Document and this Policy Booklet for full cover details.

# Explaining M&S Bank's Service

Your travel insurance policy is provided and underwritten by Aviva Insurance Limited. As an insurance intermediary M&S Bank deals exclusively with Aviva for the purposes of your policy. M&S Bank is an insurance intermediary and has been appointed by the insurer Aviva to provide insurance products, sell these to you and service your insurance needs. You will not receive advice or recommendation from M&S Bank on this arrangement and no fee has been charged by M&S Bank for arranging this contract. M&S Bank may receive commission dependent on the performance of our insurance business with Aviva.

# Who is the regulator?

M&S Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. M&S Bank is a trading name of Marks & Spencer Financial Services plc, registered office: Kings Meadow, Chester CH99 9FB, registered in England No. 1772585. Our Financial Services Registration number is 151427. Our permitted business includes arranging general insurance products. You can check this on the Financial Services Register by visiting the FCA's website at fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

# What to do if you have a complaint

If you have a complaint about M&S Bank, please contact our Customer Services team on **0345 900 0900**, alternatively you may write to Customer Services team, M&S Bank, PO Box 10565, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, LE18 9FT.

If your complaint relates to a claim under your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance policy, you need to contact:

M&S Club Rewards Travel Insurance Claims, PO Box 432, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 8WP.

Telephone number: 0800 056 5913.

Please provide your claim number in any correspondence.

If you have a complaint about the cover under this policy, please contact the Customer Care department of Aviva Insurance on **0800 051 2616.** Alternatively you may write to:

Customer Care team, M&S Club Rewards travel insurance, PO Box 7463, Perth, PH2 0YX.

Please provide your policy number in any correspondence.

If you are not satisfied you can approach the Financial Ombudsman Service. Referral to the Financial Ombudsman will not affect your right to take legal action. Full details of the complaints process is available on page 29 of this booklet.

# Is M&S Bank covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)?

M&S Bank is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If we were unable to meet our obligations you may be entitled to compensation from the scheme, depending on the type of business and circumstances of any claim. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available on their website: <a href="fscs.org.uk">fscs.org.uk</a> or by calling them on 020 7741 4100 or 0800 678 1100.

# YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY

# Please take the time to read this Policy Booklet as it contains important information.

To help you understand what you're covered for at a glance, we've highlighted some common questions such as:

- Who is covered by this policy?
- Do I need to tell you that I'm travelling?
- Do I need to tell you about any medical conditions?
- What is the maximum trip length?
- · Are trips in the UK covered?
- Are business trips and winter sports covered?
- · How do I make a claim?
- Can I claim for cancellation of my trip if I have a problem with my travel documents, e.g. my passport is out of date or my visa is not valid?

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# ABOUT M&S CLUB REWARDS TRAVEL INSURANCE

#### Known event

Your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance covers you for unexpected and unforeseen events and circumstances; for example, if you have an accident while you are on holiday and need urgent medical treatment this will be covered.

There is no cover in relation to any event, incident or circumstances if, at the time you opened your M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership or booked your trip (whichever is later), you knew that, or you could reasonably be expected to have known that:

- the event or incident had already occurred or was going to occur; or
- the circumstances existed, or were going to exist.

and the event, incident or circumstances could reasonably be expected to affect your travel plans.

For example:

- you would be reasonably expected to know of any event, incident or circumstances that had been widely reported in the media in the UK at the time you booked your trip or opened your M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership (whichever is later).
- there is no cover for cancellation of your trip
  if your travel plans are disrupted because
  flights are cancelled or any government or
  authority closes their borders, or imposes
  restriction of movement and these
  cancellations or restrictions were in place or
  had been announced at the time you booked
  your trip or opened your M&S Club Rewards
  with insurance membership (whichever is later).

Please refer to general exclusion 11 on page 15.

#### Unrecoverable costs

Your travel policy provides cover for unrecoverable costs. If you need to make a claim for travel, accommodation or related costs which you or any insured person has paid, we will consider claims for your costs which are unrecoverable from your travel and/or accommodation provider or agent, your debit/credit card company, PayPal, ABTA, ATOL (or similar organisations).

For example, if your trip is cancelled by your tour operator or booking agent you may have a right to a refund from them for some or all of the cost of your trip.

If you are not able to recover all of your costs, and your circumstances are covered by the terms of your policy, we will consider costs you have been unable to recover.

When you make a claim, we may ask you for:

- · proof of booking and any costs paid;
- details of any refund you have been able to obtain;
- evidence that you are not able to recover your costs elsewhere.

Please check this Policy Booklet carefully to ensure that you understand what is and isn't covered.

# Who is covered by this policy?

This policy covers the main M&S Credit Cardholder with their spouse/partner and their children, step children, foster children, grandchildren and great grandchildren aged under 18 accompanying either adult on the same trip.

All insured persons must be residents of the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

# Do I need to tell you that I am travelling?

No, you don't need to tell us that you are travelling, unless you or any other insured person want to purchase cover for a medical condition not listed on pages 17 and 18.

# Do I need to tell you about any medical conditions?

If you, or any other insured person, have any medical conditions which are not shown on the 'Accepted conditions' list and you wish us to consider covering these, you need to contact us before booking any trip(s). You may need to purchase a medical upgrade. Please refer to the 'Your health' section on pages 17-19 for full details.

# What is the maximum trip length?

Trips should be no longer than 45 days and must start and end in the UK, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man.

#### Covid-19: What am I covered for?

Your M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership will provide cover for events relating to Covid-19, such as:

- Emergency medical expenses abroad, cancelling or coming home early if you fall ill with Covid-19.
- Cancelling or coming home early if you have to self-isolate or quarantine before you travel or while on your trip due to Covid-19 (please be aware, this doesn't include having to selfisolate or quarantine when you return from your trip).
- Cancelling or coming home early due to a FCDO advisory notice being in place advising against all or all but essential travel to your destination or the FCDO are advising British citizens to leave the area in which you are staying. Cover for cancellation is only available in the 31 days before your departure date.

If you have suffered with Covid-19 and needed medical treatment, then as with other medical conditions you may need to tell us about this. We will then screen it and tell you if this affects your cover. Please refer to the 'Your health' section on pages 17-19.

Your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance will only cover you for unexpected and unforeseen events – please refer to the 'known event' section on page 4.

We recommend you read your policy terms and conditions for full details on what is and isn't covered, in particular general exclusions 9b, 11 and 12 on page 15.

# Are trips in the UK covered?

Yes, holidays in the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are covered when they include at least 2 consecutive nights in pre-booked accommodation or have prepaid flights or ferry crossings. There is no cover for trips taken in the UK where you are staying with friends or family in their home

# Are business trips covered?

Yes, we will provide cover for your trip taken wholly or in part for business purposes, but excluding manual work. Business trips within the UK must include at least 2 consecutive nights in pre-booked accommodation.

# Are winter sports trips covered?

Yes, winter sports holidays are covered for up to a maximum of 31 days in any calendar year. Please see the 'Winter sports' section on pages 27 and 28 for further details.

# Can I claim for cancellation of my trip if I have a problem with my travel documents, e.g. my passport is out of date or my visa is not valid?

No. There is no cover under this insurance for problems with your travel documents before you leave. If your passport or visa is lost, stolen or damaged while abroad there is cover in this situation. Please see the 'Emergency travel documents' section on page 26 for further details.

Before you book a trip you should check the entry requirements of the country you intend to visit with the local government embassy and/or the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office website www.gov.uk/travelaware

# How do I make a claim?

To make a claim, please call the relevant helpline shown on page 6. We have included a table showing what information you need to provide us with for the most common claims, this is shown on page 8. You should also refer to the relevant section of this Policy Booklet for full details of what you need to do.

# Travel insurance helplines

M&S Bank Customer Services	Within the UK	
	Outside the UK +44 (0) 1244 879080	
	365 days a year, 8am-8pm, but these times may change. Check marksandspencer.com/bank for the latest opening hours	
Calls handled by Aviva Insurance Ltd		
M&S Club Rewards Travel Insurance Services Use this helpline if you want to purchase a medical upgrade and for general policy enquiries.	<b>0800 051 2616</b> Lines open: 8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm Saturday and 10am-2pm Sunday and bank holidays (excluding Christmas Day and New Year's Day).	
<b>24-hour Emergency Medical Assistance</b> If you are injured or fall ill while you are away, please contact this helpline.	Within the UK	
Travel Claims Use this helpline to report any travel claims which are not as a result of a medical emergency.	Within the UK 0800 051 2619 Outside the UK +44 (0) 1603 603042 Lines open: 8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm Saturday and bank holidays.	
Legal Expenses Claims and Advice Use this helpline to report any legal expenses claims or if you require advice for any personal legal problem that may lead to a claim under this policy.	Within the UK	
Travel Assistance This helpline can assist you with a wide range of travel advice before and while you are away. Please don't use the Travel Assistance helpline for policy queries or claims.	Within the UK	

# Telephone call recording

For our joint protection telephone calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

# Travel Assistance helpline

This service can help you sort out all kinds of travel problems before you go and while you are away, from providing information on the countries you are visiting to sorting out non-medical emergencies.

# Advice before you travel:

- any visa and entry permits you might need;
- any vaccination and inoculation requirements;
- what you should take with you regarding first aid and health;
- what currencies and travellers' cheques to take with you, and what the current exchange rates are;
- the languages spoken, time zones, bank holidays and climate of countries you plan to visit;
- import and export allowances for tourists.

# While travelling:

- how to replace lost or stolen passports, driving licences, air tickets or other travel documents:
- how to trace your baggage with the airline operator if it is delayed or lost;
- why, how, where and when you should contact local embassies or consulates:
- transfer money out to you if you need it;
- cancellation of credit cards/debit cards, if lost or stolen, and helping you to report the loss to your card provider;
- provide information to close relatives, friends or employers if you have to go into hospital.

# Other emergency services while travelling:

 a 'phone home' translation and interpretation service if you need it in an emergency.

Please note: There is no charge for the provision of the advice, guidance or other emergency services shown above. However, if you wish us to obtain goods or services on your behalf that are not covered by a claim under this policy, you will need to pay any fees that the provider charges and you will need to adhere to the provider's terms and conditions.

# Air and maritime passenger rights

For the latest advice and further details on your rights please visit:

<u>www.caa.co.uk</u> and search for travel problems<u>www.dft.gov.uk</u> and search for maritime passenger rights.

You should also refer to the terms and conditions of the carrier you are travelling with. Please note – we are not responsible for the content of other websites.

# YOUR CLAIM

If you need to make a claim, please telephone the relevant helpline shown on page 6 as soon as possible. For your convenience, some of the most common claims scenarios are shown below.

Please refer to the relevant section within this Policy Booklet for full details of cover and any evidence we may require.

Type of claim	What must I do?	What will I need?
Cancelling your trip or coming home early See page 19.	<ul> <li>Check that the reason you need to cancel or come home early is covered.</li> <li>Contact the Emergency Medical Assistance helpline before returning home.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For medical cancellation claims, we will send a medical certificate for completion by your doctor to confirm the reason for your claim.</li> <li>If you have to return home early for medical reasons, you must provide us with any medical reports given to you by the treating doctor/medical facility.</li> <li>Evidence of your booking and the cancellation.</li> </ul>
Missed departure for trips outside the UK See page 21.	Contact the carrier or their handling agent to see if a late arrival is possible or if alternative travel arrangements can be made.	A report from the repairer or breakdown assistance provider if the vehicle you were travelling in broke down or was involved in an accident.
<b>Travel delay</b> See page 21.	Check that your delay was for 12 hours or more before submitting a claim.	Written confirmation of the number of hours and reason for the delay from your carrier or their handling agents.
Medical emergency See pages 22 and 23.	Contact the Emergency Medical Assistance helpline before any hospital admission or as soon as possible thereafter.	All medical reports given to you by the treating facility.
<b>Legal expenses</b> See pages 24 and 25.	Contact the Legal Expenses Claims and Advice helpline as soon as you become aware of the incident.	We will tell you when you call if we need anything else to deal with your claim.
Your possessions See pages 25 and 26.	<ul> <li>Take all reasonable steps to recover lost/stolen property.</li> <li>Report incident details to the police as soon as reasonably possible.</li> <li>Report the loss/damage to the airline/carrier within the timescales stated within their terms and conditions.</li> <li>Do not dispose of damaged items.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A 'Property Irregularity Report' from the airline/carrier and your baggage tag receipts.</li> <li>Proof of purchase of the lost, stolen or damaged item(s).</li> <li>Proof that you owned the money and its value.</li> <li>A written report from the police or any other relevant authority.</li> </ul>
Delayed baggage on the outward journey See page 25.	<ul> <li>Check that you have been without your baggage for more than 12 hours.</li> <li>Report the loss to the airline/carrier within the timescales stated within their terms and conditions.</li> </ul>	Written confirmation from the airline/carrier of the number of hours' delay.

# OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR POLICY

# Can I cancel this policy?

You are free to cancel this policy by calling us on 0345 900 0900 during the cancellation period. Any refund will be dealt with under the terms and conditions of your M&S Club Rewards with insurance benefits package. If you cancel after the first 14 days of receipt of the welcome pack, no refund will be made. See Your cancellation rights on page 13 for full details.

# Your health - what do you need to tell us?

If you, or any other insured person have any medical conditions which are not shown as 'Accepted conditions' in the 'Your health' section on pages 17-19, and you wish us to consider covering these medical conditions, you need to call us on 0800 051 2616 before booking any trips. You will have to tell us about all of your medical conditions including any 'Accepted conditions'.

**Please note** – medical conditions are not covered by this policy unless:

- they are 'Accepted conditions' which are shown on pages 17 and 18; or
- we have been told about the condition(s) and have confirmed in writing that they have been accepted. If we can accept the condition(s), you may need to pay a premium.

### Health exclusions

- 1. There is no cover for any claim arising directly or indirectly from the following:
  - a) Any medical condition unless it is shown as an 'Accepted condition' or we have been told about it and we have accepted it.
  - Any symptoms that you were aware of prior to booking a trip for which you have sought, but not yet received a diagnosis.
  - c) Where you have not taken medication that has been prescribed to you.
  - d) You travelling against the advice of a doctor or purposely travelling without medical advice when it was reasonable for you to have consulted a doctor.
  - e) Where you are travelling with the intention of seeking medical treatment.

# How long does your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance run for?

All cover under this policy will cease automatically if:

- 1. the cardholder:
  - cancels the card account:
  - reaches 80 years of age;
  - is no longer a UK resident;
  - is believed to be or reasonably suspected by us to be acting fraudulently.
- M&S Bank cancels the card account under one of the reasons set out in the card account terms and conditions.

If an insured person is on a trip at the time an automatic termination event occurs, all cover will cease when the trip ends.

# Eligibility

As your circumstances may change over time, it is important that you review the terms and conditions of this policy regularly to check that you remain eligible and that the cover remains adequate for your needs.

#### How do I make a claim?

Should you need to make a claim under this policy, please contact the appropriate helpline shown on page 6.

### How do I make a complaint?

We hope you will be happy with the service that we provide. However, if for any reason you are unhappy with it, we would like to hear from you. In the first instance please contact the Travel Claims or M&S Club Rewards Travel Insurance Services telephone numbers shown on page 6.

If your complaint relates to a claim under your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance policy, you need to contact:

M&S Club Rewards Travel Insurance Claims, PO Box 432, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 8WP

Telephone number: 0800 056 5913

If your complaint relates to the sale of M&S Club Rewards with insurance, you need to contact:

Customer Services team, M&S Bank, PO Box 10565, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, LE18 9FT

Telephone number: 0345 900 0900

If your complaint relates to your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance policy or medical screening, you need to contact:

Customer Care team, M&S Club Rewards travel insurance, PO Box 7463, Perth, PH2 0YX

Telephone number: 0800 051 2616

Aviva is covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service. If you have complained to us and we have been unable to resolve your complaint, you may refer it to this independent body. Following the complaints procedure does not affect your right to take legal action.

# Would I receive compensation if Aviva were unable to meet their liabilities?

Aviva is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from this scheme if we cannot meet our obligations, depending on the type of insurance and the circumstances of your claim. Further information is available from them on 0800 678 1100, or by visiting their website www.fscs.org.uk

# M&S Club Rewards travel insurance terms and conditions

# **DEFINITIONS**

Wherever the following words or phrases appear in bold, they will have the following meanings:

# **Business trip**

Means a **trip** taken wholly or in part for business purposes, but excluding manual work. **Business trips** also have to have at least two nights' **pre-booked accommodation** if within the **UK**.

# Close business colleague

Someone **you** work with in the **UK** who has to be in work in order for **you** to be able to go on or continue a **trip**. A senior manager or director of the business must confirm this in the event of a claim.

#### Close relative

Your mother, father, sister, brother, partner, fiancé(e), daughter, son, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, step-parent, step-child, step-sister, step-brother, aunt, uncle, cousin, nephew, niece, legal guardian or foster child.

#### Doctor

A registered member of the medical profession who is not related to **you** or anyone **you** are travelling with.

#### **Excess**

The amount that **you** will have to pay towards each claim per **trip**.

#### Home

Your home address in the UK.

# Home territory

For residents of the **UK** excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, **your home territory** means the **UK**, excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. For residents of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, **your home territory** means either the particular Channel Island on which **you** live or the Isle of Man depending on where **your home** is.

#### **Partner**

The person the M&S Club Rewards with insurance member is in a relationship with, regardless of gender, and who is under 80 years of age at the start of the **trip**.

### Period of insurance

Each **trip you** make, whilst the M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership is in force, will be treated as a separate **period of**  **insurance**; individually subject to all **policy** terms, conditions, declarations and exclusions.

Cover for each individual trip applies as follows:

- Cover for cancelling your trip begins from the date of taking out the M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership, or the date of booking the trip (whichever is later), and ends when you leave your home to start your trip;
- Cover under all other sections starts when you leave your home and ends when you return home (or are repatriated to a hospital in the UK), providing you do not exceed the trip limit.

### Personal money

Cash (including foreign currency), travellers' cheques, postal or money orders, prepaid coupons or vouchers, non-refundable prepaid event and entertainment tickets, travel tickets, phonecards, passports, visas and driving licences.

# Point of international departure

The airport, port or station from which **you** will undertake international travel from or to the **UK**. If **your home** is in Northern Ireland, **you** are also covered for international travel from or to the Republic of Ireland.

#### Policy

The M&S Club Rewards membership worldwide travel insurance

#### Pre-booked accommodation

A commercially run premises where a fee is charged which has been booked prior to the start of **your trip**, including a pre-booked tent or caravan pitch, but not including properties run by friends or family.

# Travelling companion

A person **you** travel with, without whom **you** cannot make or continue **your trip**.

#### Trip(s)

Journeys beginning and ending in the **UK** that last no more than 45 days (or 31 days in total in any calender year for winter sports) that are either:

- 1. holidays outside the **UK**; or
- 2. a business trip; or
- holidays within the UK, that include two or more consecutive nights' stay in pre-booked accommodation or have prepaid flights or ferry crossings.

#### UK

England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

#### **UK** resident

An **insured person** whose main **home** is in the **UK**, who is registered with a **UK doctor** and who is liable to pay taxes in the **UK**.

# **Valuables**

Jewellery, costume jewellery, watches, items made of or containing gold, silver, precious metals or precious stones, binoculars, handheld game consoles and equipment, mobile phones, photographic equipment, video cameras, e-readers, laptops and tablets, or any accessories which are designed to be used with these items.

# We, us, our, insurer

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# Winter sports equipment

Skis, snowboards, boots, helmets, bindings or poles.

# You, your(s), yourself, insured person

The main M&S Credit Cardholder, their spouse/ partner and their children, step children, foster children, grandchildren and great grandchildren aged under 18 accompanying either adult on the same trip.

# HELPFUL AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR INSURANCE

This **policy** is included with **your** M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership. Please read this **Policy** Booklet carefully, keep it in a safe place and take it with **you** when **you** travel. It gives **you** full details of what is covered, what is not covered and the limits, **excesses** and conditions of cover. It is the main M&S Credit Cardholder's responsibility to ensure that all **insured persons** are aware of their responsibilities and comply with all of the **policy** conditions. If **you** do not comply, **we** may refuse **your** claim or reduce **your** cover in the event of a claim.

In respect of each **trip** taken during the **period of insurance, we** will provide the cover set out in this **Policy** Booklet provided:

- 1. you are a cardholder;
- you are a UK resident;
- 3. the **trip** begins after the date the credit card was taken out;
- you have booked your return journey before leaving the UK, or if you have an open ticket, you have confirmed your return date with the airline

#### Automatic cover

The insurance cover automatically applies for each **trip**. This means **you** do not have to contact **us** every time **you** book a **trip**, unless **you** need to tell **us** about any change in **your** health. Please see 'Your health – cover and exclusions for existing medical conditions' on pages 17-19.

# Information and changes we need to know about

You must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask you. For example, when you take out your M&S Club Rewards with insurance you may need to tell us about medical conditions not shown on the 'Accepted conditions' list.

**You** also need to tell M&S Bank if **you** move address – if this means that **you** are no longer a **UK resident** then all the cover under this **policy** will end.

When **we** are notified of a change, **we** will tell **you** if this affects **your policy**, for example whether **we** are able to accept the change and, if so, whether the change will result in revised terms.

If the information provided by **you** is not complete and accurate **we** may:

- 1. refuse to pay any claim; or
- 2. not pay any claim in full.

If **you** are in any doubt about information or changes **we** need to know about, please contact **us** on 0345 900 0900.

### Automatic extension of cover

If you cannot get back home before your cover ends, your policy will remain in force as follows:

- up to 14 days if any vehicle you are travelling in breaks down, or any vehicle, vessel, train or aircraft in which you are booked to travel as a ticket holding passenger is delayed or cancelled; or
- for as long as the treating doctor believes is medically necessary where you are claiming for emergency medical treatment under this policy.

# Automatic termination of cover

All cover under this **policy** will cease automatically if:

- 1. the main cardholder:
  - · cancels the M&S Credit Card;
  - reaches 80 years of age;
  - is no longer a **UK resident**;
  - is believed to be or reasonably suspected by us to be acting fraudulently.
- M&S Bank cancels the credit card account under one of the reasons set out in the credit card account terms and conditions.

If an **insured person** is on a **trip** at the time an automatic termination occurs, all cover will cease when the **trip** ends.

# Your cancellation rights

You may cancel your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance policy within 14 days of receipt of your M&S Club Rewards welcome pack by calling us on 0345 900 0900 during the cancellation period. Any refund will be dealt with under the terms and conditions of your M&S Club Rewards with insurance benefit package.

If you have purchased cover in respect of an existing medical condition and within 14 days of receipt of the upgrade schedule you find it does not meet your requirements you may cancel your upgrade. We will refund any premium you have paid to obtain cover for medical conditions in full provided you have not travelled and no claim has been made or is intended to be made.

**You** may also cancel **your** M&S Club Rewards travel insurance **policy** at any time after the statutory cancellation period by calling **us** on 0345 900 0900.

If **you** have purchased cover in respect of an existing medical condition, **you** may cancel cover for medical conditions at any time after the statutory period by calling **us** on 0800 051 2616 providing **you** have not travelled or made a claim.

If **you** cancel after the statutory cancellation period, no refund will be made for either M&S Club Rewards travel insurance or for medical conditions cover.

# Travel advice of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) by country

- Before you book a trip and travel, you should check the FCDO website gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. It is packed with essential travel advice and tips, plus up-todate information about different countries.
- You should be aware of any travel restrictions or advisory notices for the country you plan to visit.
- This policy provides cover should you book a trip and then need to cancel the trip or return home early as a result of the FCDO advising against all travel or all but essential travel, or where British nationals are advised to return home.

#### We won't cover:

- Any trip if you travel against the advice of the FCDO or any government, or where you do not follow any advice or measures put in place by any government or local authority in the UK or abroad, for example quarantine rules or curfews.
- Any claim if the advice or measures were in place or had been announced at the time of opening your M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership or booking your trip (whichever is later).

# Use of language

Unless otherwise agreed, the contractual terms and conditions and other information relating to this **policy** will be in English.

#### Choice of law

The law of England and Wales will apply to this **policy** unless:

- 1. you and the insurer agree otherwise; or
- at the date of the account opening the main cardholder is a resident of Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in which case (in the absence of agreement to the contrary) the law of that country will apply.

# GENERAL EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS

(These apply to the whole of your policy)

# **GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

This **policy** does not cover the following:

- Any consequence whatsoever which is the direct or indirect result of any of the following, or anything connected with any of the following, whether or not such consequence has been contributed to by any other cause or event:
  - a) War, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or a warlike operation or operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power.
  - b) Any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to (a) above.
- 2. Claims directly or indirectly caused by:
  - a) ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel; or
  - b) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or part of an assembly; or
  - c) pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.
- 3. Any claim for **your** death, injury, illness or disability resulting from:
  - a) your suicide or attempted suicide; or
  - b) your misuse of alcohol or drugs or your consumption of alcohol or drugs (other than drugs taken under medical supervision and not for treating alcohol or drug addiction) to an extent which causes immediate or long-term physical or mental impairment, including impairment to your judgement causing you to take action you would not normally have taken; or
  - c) any exacerbation of an accepted medical condition caused by **your** misuse of alcohol or drugs.
- Any claim where during the trip, you deliberately put yourself at risk of death, injury, illness or disability (unless your life is in danger or you were trying to save human life).

- 5. Any loss that is not specifically described in this **Policy** Booklet, e.g. we will not pay for loss of earnings if you are unable to return to work due to illness or injury during your trip, or any payment which you would normally have made during your trip.
- 6. Any incident which happens after the **trip** duration limit has been reached.
- 7. Any claim for an incident which happens during the **trip** that results from:
  - a) **you** riding or being a passenger on a scooter, moped or motorcycle:
    - i) 125cc or under, unless you wear a crash helmet and, as a rider, you are fully licensed to use such a vehicle in the UK;
    - ii) Over 125cc, unless the vehicle is owned by you and you are using it as your mode of transport in the UK or Europe. You must wear a crash helmet and appropriate protective clothing and, as a rider, you must be fully licensed and insured to use this vehicle in the UK.
  - b) you driving any motorised vehicle, unless you are fully licensed to drive such a vehicle in the UK;
  - c) you driving or being a passenger in any motorised vehicle unless you have complied with all laws applying to use of that vehicle in the country you are visiting, for example you must wear a seatbelt where this is required by law;
  - d) your involvement in paid or unpaid manual work or physical labour of any kind, other than charity or conservation work (see further limitations in the 'Sports and activities' section);
  - e) **you** taking part in an excluded activity which is listed in the 'Sports and activities' section;
  - f) you taking part in exploration or scientific expeditions or being a crew member on a vessel travelling from one country to another;
  - g) you climbing on to, on top of, or jumping from any balcony railing, ledge or wall, or climbing or moving across any external part of a building or vehicle not specifically designed for that purpose.
- Any claim resulting from a tropical disease where you have not had the recommended inoculations and/or taken the recommended medication.

- 9. Any claim for:
  - a) management fees, maintenance costs or exchange fees, any travel or accommodation arranged by using air miles, loyalty or points based schemes, timeshares or similar promotions;
  - b) costs which are recoverable from your travel and/or accommodation provider or agent, your debit/credit card company, PayPal, ABTA, ATOL (or similar organisation);
  - c) costs **you** have paid on behalf of persons not insured under this **policy**;
  - d)administration costs charged by **your** travel and/or accommodation provider in respect of obtaining a refund for unused travel and accommodation.
- 10. Any claim because **you** do not wish to travel, or **you** are not enjoying **your trip**.
- 11. Any claim in relation to any event, incident or circumstances if, at the time **you** opened **your** M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership or booked **your trip** (whichever is later), **you** knew that, or **you** could reasonably be expected to have known that:
  - the event or incident had already occurred or was going to occur, or
  - the circumstances existed, or were going to exist and

that the event, incident or circumstances could reasonably be expected to affect **your** travel plans.

12. Any claim if you travel against the advice of the FCDO or the government of any country to which you will travel, or where you do not follow any advice or measures put in place by any government or local authority in the UK or abroad, for example quarantine rules or curfews

# **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

You must have taken reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions asked when taking out M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership.

Please note medical conditions are not covered by this policy unless they are 'Accepted conditions' shown in the 'Your health' section, or we have been told about them and have confirmed in writing that they have been accepted.

It is therefore very important that **you** read the 'Your health' section on pages 17-19 in this **Policy** Booklet.

If the information provided by **you** is not complete and accurate, **we** may refuse to pay a claim, or not pay a claim in full.

# 2. Our right to cancel:

M&S Bank may cancel this **policy** on **our** behalf by sending at least 60 days' written notice to **your** last known postal address setting out the reason for cancellation.

Valid reasons include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Where we reasonably suspect fraud;
- b) Where **you** fail to cooperate with **us** or provide **us** with information or documentation **we** reasonably require and this affects **our** ability to assess a claim or defend **our** interests. See general conditions 6, 7, 8 and 9 below;
- c) Where you have not taken reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions we ask as required in the 'Information and changes we need to know about' section in this Policy Booklet and general condition 1;

M&S Bank may also cancel this insurance **policy** in accordance with:

 d) the terms and conditions of your
 M&S Club Rewards with insurance benefits package.

If your policy is cancelled by M&S Bank on our behalf and you have purchased an upgrade, we will provide a pro-rata refund of the premium paid for this upgrade. We will settle any valid claim, provided the incident occurred before the date that the cancellation became effective.

#### Claims fraud:

In order to prevent and detect fraud, M&S Bank and the **insurer** may at any time share information about **you** with other organisations and public bodies including the police. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that all **insured persons** are aware of this condition. If **your** claim is in any way dishonest or exaggerated **we** will not pay any costs or benefits under this **policy** and **we** may cancel **your policy** immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraudulent claim. **We** may also report **you** to the police and/or take legal action against **you**.

4. You must take all reasonable precautions to protect yourself and your property against any accident, injury, theft, loss or damage. You must take the same level of care as you would if you did not have this policy.

- 5. If we make a payment before cover is confirmed and our claims investigation reveals that no cover exists under the terms of the policy, you must pay us back any amount we have paid, which you are not covered for.
- 6. You must tell us as soon as reasonably possible after becoming aware of any legal proceedings, summons, prosecutions or any other circumstances which may lead to a claim under this policy. You must send us every communication relating to a claim as soon as reasonably possible.
- You, or any person acting for you, must not negotiate, admit or reject any claim without our permission in writing.
- It may affect your claim if you cannot provide evidence of any costs or expenses which you are claiming, for example bills, receipts or a credit/debit card statement.
- You or your legal representative must pay for any certificates, information and evidence, which we may need. When there is a claim for injury or illness, we may ask for, and will pay for, any insured person to be medically examined on our behalf.
- 10. If, at the time of an incident which results in a claim under this **policy**, there is any other insurance covering the same loss, damage, expense or liability, **we** are entitled to approach that insurer for a contribution towards the claim, and will only pay **our** share. This condition does not apply to the 'Accidental death or permanent disability' section or 'Medical inconvenience' benefit under the 'Emergency medical and associated expenses' section.
- 11. We are entitled to take over and carry out in your name the defence or settlement of any legal action. We may also take proceedings at our own expense and for our own benefit, but in your name, to recover any payments we have made under this policy to anyone else.
- 12. If you make a medical claim, you may be asked to provide consent to enable us to access your medical records. This will help the treating doctors, and us, to provide you with the most appropriate treatment and assess whether cover applies. If you do not agree to provide this we will not deal with your claim.
- 13. This clause explains how we may make changes to your insurance policy. This clause does not allow us to amend the terms of your membership of the M&S Club Rewards (which is governed by separate terms and conditions).

We may change the price, benefits, terms, cover and/or exclusions of your insurance policy by giving you at least 60 days' notice in writing. Any such written notice will explain our reasons for making the changes. We will only exercise our ability to make changes to your insurance policy in order to make reasonable and proportionate changes to reflect:

- a) any changes in the law, regulation and/or taxation of travel insurance business within the **UK**;
- b) any changes that are required to give effect to decisions and/or guidance of a regulator or an Ombudsman;
- any changes that are required to give effect to new or revised insurance industry codes of practice that we intend to comply with;
- d) inflationary increases in general claims costs, medical claims costs and/or administrative costs which affect the cost to us of providing cover under and administering your insurance policy;
- e) changes in foreign currency exchange rates which affect the cost to us of providing cover under and administering your insurance policy;
- f) the correction of any typographical or formatting errors that may occur;
- g) other increases in the cost and/or relative number of travel insurance claims which affect the cost to **us** of providing cover under and administering **your** insurance **policy**; and
- h) increases in the relative cost of purchasing reinsurance which affects the cost to us of providing cover under your insurance policy.

We will not make any change to your insurance policy during the first 6 months of your insurance policy, unless such changes are required by law or regulation (in which case we will give you a reasonable and proportionate amount of notice). Where we do make a change to your insurance policy, we will not make any further changes to your insurance policy for at least 6 months, unless we are required to do so by law or regulation.

Any change to the benefits, terms, cover or exclusions which restricts **your** cover or benefits will not apply to any **trip** which commences prior to the effective date of the change. All changes will apply to any **trips** which **you** have already booked which commence after the effective date of the change.

We may change the benefits, terms, cover or exclusions of **your** insurance **policy** at any time and on giving **you** a reasonable and proportionate amount of notice where the change under your insurance policy does not restrict your cover or benefits, makes the policy easier for you to understand and/or makes the policy fairer to you. If you do not wish to accept changes that we intend to make to **your** insurance **policy**, **you** may cancel your insurance policy before the changes take effect by calling us on 0345 900 0900 within the 60 day notice period referred to above. If you do not cancel your insurance policy within that 60 day notice period you will be bound by the changes, although you may cancel your insurance **policy** at any time after that by calling us on 0345 900 0900.

# YOUR HEALTH - COVER AND EXCLUSIONS FOR EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

### Please read this section carefully

This **policy** is not a general health or private medical insurance policy and will only cover sudden and unexpected illness or accidents.

# Medical condition means:

Any illness, disease or injury that **you** have had in the 12 months prior to booking a **trip** where **you** have:

- · been prescribed medication; and/or
- received, or are awaiting, medical treatment, tests or investigations; and/or
- been referred to or had follow up with a specialist; and/or
- · been admitted to hospital or had surgery.

**Medical conditions** are not covered by this **policy** unless:

- they are 'Accepted conditions' shown on pages 17 and 18; or
- we have been told about the condition(s) and have confirmed in writing that they have been accepted.

# What do you need to tell us?

If an **insured person** has any **medical condition** other than 'Accepted conditions' shown on pages 17 and 18 and **you** wish **us** to consider covering these **medical condition(s)**, **you** need to call **us** on 0800 051 2616. **You** will have to tell **us** about all of **your medical conditions** including any 'Accepted conditions'.

When you call us, we will assess all your medical condition(s) and tell you if we are able to provide additional cover for the condition(s). If we can provide cover, you may need to pay a premium.

If we are unable to provide additional cover for any medical conditions or you do not wish to pay the premium, you will still be covered for conditions shown on the 'Accepted conditions' list.

# When do you need to tell us?

# Before booking any trip

If you wish us to consider covering medical conditions that are not shown on the 'Accepted conditions' list on pages 17 and 18, you need to call us before booking any trip.

# Accepted conditions

You are covered for these medical conditions providing none of the restrictions or health exclusions mentioned below apply to you. You will be automatically covered by this policy and we do not need to know about them. If you are in any doubt, please call us on 0800 0512 616.

- Acne
- · Addison's disease
- ADHD
- Allergy/Anaphylaxis (no hospital admissions in last two years)
- Alopecia
- Anaemia
- Anal fissure/fistula
- Arthritis (no back or neck problems)
- Asthma (no nebulisers or oxygen at home and no hospital admissions in the last 12 months)
- B12/Folate deficiency
- Barrett's oesophagus
- Basal cell carcinoma (no spread)
- Bells palsv
- · Benign breast cyst
- · Benign prostatic enlargement
- · Benign testicular cyst
- · Blepharitis
- · Bowel prolapse
- Broken bone/fracture (not head or spine)
- Bursitis
- · Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Cataracts
- · Chicken pox
- Cholecystectomy

- Coeliac disease
- Colitis (no hospital admission in the last 12 months)
- · Conjunctivitis
- · Constipation
- · Common cold/influenza
- · Corneal graft
- · Cosmetic surgery
- Cramp
- Cystitis
- Diabetes (no complications, for example retinal, kidney or nerve damage)
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- Dislocated joint (not following knee/ hip replacement)
- · Eczema/dermatitis
- Epididymitis
- · Essential tremor
- · Fungal nail infection
- · Castric reflux
- Clandular fever (not within 3 months of the planned trip)
- Glaucoma
- Gout
- · Haemorrhoids
- Hallux valgus (Bunion)
- Hayfever
- · Hernia (not Hiatus)
- High/low blood pressure
- · High cholesterol
- Hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid)
- Hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid)
- Impetigo
- Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)
- Joint replacement (no dislocations)
- Labyrinthitis
- · Macular degeneration
- Meniere's disease
- Menorrhagia
- Migraine (confirmed diagnosis, no ongoing investigation)
- Minor infections (treated with no more than one course of antibiotics)
- Myalgic encephalomyelitis (if only symptom is fatique)
- Nasal polyps
- Neuralgia
- Neuritis

- · Ocular dysfunction
- Osteochondritis
- Osteoporosis (no back or neck fractures)
- Parkinson's (no difficulty swallowing)
- · Pelvic inflammatory disease
- PMT
- Peptic ulcer
- · Peripheral neuropathy
- Polymyalgia rheumatica
- Psoriasis
- · Raynaud syndrome
- Restless leg syndrome
- · Retinal detachment
- Retinopathy (not a link to diabetes)
- Rhinitis
- Rosacea
- · Repetitive strain injury (RSI)
- Shingles
- Sinusitis
- · Sleep apnoea
- Soft tissue injury/tendon injury/sprain/ tendonitis
- Tinnitus
- Tonsillitis
- Urticaria
- Uterine/vaginal prolapse
- Varicose veins legs only (if GP has confirmed that client is fit to travel)
- Vertigo

#### Health exclusions

- 1. There is no cover for any claim arising directly or indirectly from the following:
  - a) Any medical condition unless it is shown as an 'Accepted condition' or we have been told about it and we have accepted it.
  - b) Any symptoms that **you** were aware of prior to booking a **trip** for which **you** have sought, but not yet received, a diagnosis.
  - c) Where **you** have not taking medication that has been prescribed to **you**.
  - d) You travelling against the advice of a doctor or purposely travelling without medical advice when it was reasonable for you to have consulted a doctor.
  - e) Where **you** are travelling with the intention of seeking medical treatment.

# Reciprocal health agreements

(Residents of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland only)

The **UK** has reciprocal healthcare agreements with a number of countries and territories worldwide. If **you** are a **UK** resident, these agreements mean that **you** may be entitled to urgent medical treatment at a reduced cost, or in some cases for free. We strongly recommend that **you** check if the country **you** are travelling to has a reciprocal health agreement in place and what the requirements are before **you** leave the **UK**, **you** can find more information online at www.nhs.uk and search for 'healthcare abroad'.

#### Medicare

(Residents of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland only)

If **you** require medical treatment in Australia, **you** must enrol with a local Medicare office. **You** do not need to enrol on arrival but **you** must do this after the first occasion **you** receive treatment. In-patient and out-patient treatment at a public hospital is then free of charge. Details of how to enrol and the free treatment available can be found at <u>www.humanservices.gov.au</u> by searching for 'medicare forms'.

# CANCELLING YOUR TRIP OR COMING HOME EARLY

If **you** unavoidably have to cancel **your trip** or come **home** early, **we** will pay for the following:

unrecoverable costs that each insured person
has paid or legally has to pay for their own
unused personal travel and accommodation
(including pre-paid excursions).

**We** will consider claims for **your** costs which are unrecoverable from **your** travel and/or accommodation provider or agent, **your** debit/credit card company, PayPal, ABTA, ATOL (or similar organisation).

- 1. You are injured, fall ill, are guarantined or die.
- A close relative, close business colleague or the person you were going to stay with is seriously injured, fall seriously ill or dies.
- Loss, theft or damage to your passport and/ or visa while you are on a trip and temporary replacement documents are not acceptable to enable you to continue your trip.
- 4. **You** are needed at **home** following a burglary or severe damage to **your home**.
- 5. You are made redundant.
- 6. **You** are called for jury service or as a witness in a court of law

- Severe/adverse weather prevents you from leaving your home, reaching your point of international departure or your prebooked accommodation in the UK.
- 8. Delay or cancellation of **your** pre-booked transport prevents **you** from leaving the **UK** on **your** outward journey and the carrier or their handling agent is unable to provide suitable alternative travel arrangements within 12 hours of the date and time of the scheduled departure as shown on **your** ticket/itinerary.
- You are a member of the armed forces, army reserves, police, ambulance, fire, nursing services or an employee of a government department and authorised leave is cancelled due to an unexpected posting or a major incident in the UK.
- 10. You are denied boarding because there are too many passengers for the seats available and no suitable alternative flight could be provided within 12 hours.
- 11. **Your** transport operator, accommodation provider or their booking agents become insolvent.
- 12.**You** are the victim of a violent crime which has been dealt with by the police.
- 13.In the 31 days before **your** departure date, or while **you** are travelling:
  - a) an avalanche, earthquake, explosion, fire, landslide, flood, volcanic eruption, volcanic ash cloud and/or eruption or severe/adverse weather renders your accommodation uninhabitable or unreachable;
  - b) a Foreign, Commonwealth and
    Development Office advisory notice is in
    place advising against all travel or all but
    essential travel to **your** destination or the
    FCDO are advising British citizens to leave
    the area in which **you** are staying.

Or **you** choose not to travel or continue **your trip** because:

- c) **your** accommodation is directly affected by a food poisoning outbreak; or
- d) a terrorist attack happens within a 50-mile radius of **your** pre-arranged accommodation and **you** do not wish to travel or **you** wish to return **home** early.

You will also be covered if your travelling companion has to cancel the trip or come home early for one of the reasons listed above.

The most **we** will pay for each **insured person** is £6,000.

# Claims conditions

- You must notify your travel and/or accommodation provider as soon as you become aware that it is necessary to cancel the trip. If you fail to do so and the cancellation charges increase as a result, our liability will be restricted to the charges at the date cancellation became necessary.
- All claims resulting from illness, injury, quarantine or death must be supported by medical reports, or a death certificate (or both). Medical reports must be obtained at the time of the incident (and at your own expense) and indicate the necessity to cancel the trip or come home early.
- 3. You must provide written confirmation (at your own expense) from the carrier or their handling agent of the actual date and time of the planned departure and reason for the cancellation or delay, and that they were unable to offer suitable alternative travel arrangements within 12 hours of your scheduled departure.
- 4. You must comply with the terms of your contract with the transport provider (or their booking agents) and seek financial compensation, assistance or a refund of your ticket from them in accordance with those terms and/or any rights you may have under EU Air Passenger Rights legislation in the event of denied boarding, cancellation or long delay of flights.
- 5. You must provide written confirmation (at your own expense) from the transport and/or accommodation provider or their respective booking agents or administrators, that compensation, assistance or reimbursement of any costs, charges and expenses incurred by you will not be provided. In the event of insolvency, compensation will normally be available to you from the financial protection schemes, such as Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL), or trade association bonds, such as the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA).
- 6. Where you have been prevented from reaching your point of international departure or pre-booked accommodation in the UK due to severe/adverse weather, you must provide evidence that travel was not possible, such as local police, press or travel reports.
- If your leave is cancelled, or you are made redundant, you must provide written confirmation from your employer.

- 8. If **you** are called as a witness or for jury service, **you** must provide written confirmation.
- If you need to come home early and intend to make a claim, you must phone the Emergency Medical Assistance helpline immediately.
- 10. All claims must be supported by documentary evidence that **you** have been unable to obtain a refund from the travel and/or accommodation provider.
- 11. **You** must provide written confirmation from the accommodation provider and/or local/national authorities that the accommodation was uninhabitable and the reason for this, and that they were unable to offer suitable alternative accommodation of a similar standard.
- 12. If you cannot use your return ticket and we pay additional travel costs to allow you to come home early, your unused travel ticket will then belong to us.
- 13. If you need to come home early but have not already purchased a return ticket, we will deduct the cost of an economy flight from any costs we incur in bringing you home.

#### **Excess**

We will not pay the first £75 for each insured person, per claim per trip, but limited to £150 in total.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' and 'Your health' sections.
- Any claim where, at the time of opening your M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership or booking your trip (whichever is later), you knew that an illness or injury of a close relative, travelling companion or person you were travelling to stay with could reasonably be expected to affect your travel plans.

# If you have to cancel your trip:

- Any claim due to severe/adverse weather where you have not allowed sufficient time to reach your point of international departure taking into account the weather forecast for your journey.
- Any claim where the carrier or handling agent has offered suitable alternative travel arrangements within 12 hours of the date and time of the scheduled departure as shown on the ticket/itinerary.
- 3. Any claim for dismissal, misconduct, resignation, or voluntary redundancy.
- Any claim for redundancy if you or your travelling companion knew of the redundancy at the time of taking out

the M&S Club Rewards with insurance membership or booking **your trip** (whichever is later) or where **you** cannot provide written evidence that the reason **you** or **your travelling companion** left the job was due to redundancy.

# If you have to come home early:

- Any claim for coming home early which was not authorised by us.
- Any claim for coming home early due to Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office advice where this advice was already in place prior to your departure from the UK.
- Any claim for coming home early after you have chosen to move to alternative accommodation.

# TRAVEL DISRUPTION

# Travel delay

If **your** pre-booked transport is delayed for more than 12 hours and **you** choose to continue **your trip**, **we** will pay £30 for each full 12 hour period **you** are delayed up to a maximum of £150.

For each **insured person**, the most **we** will pay is £150.

# Missed departures – this benefit does not apply to trips taken within the UK

If **you** miss **your** pre-booked transport due to an unexpected transport delay that has been independently confirmed by the transport provider, traffic or police reports or roadside assistance provider, **we** will pay the following:

- Additional travel and accommodation costs you incur to reach your destination abroad or home on your return journey, up to £1,000 for each insured person; or
- Your proportion of any personal travel and accommodation costs up to £6,000, should you choose to cancel your trip before departure from the UK (or before reaching your destination for trips solely within the UK), because no suitable alternative public transport or other facilities could be provided to enable you to safely continue with at least 50 percent of your booked trip.

# Alternative travel arrangements

If **you** have to make alternative travel arrangements as a result of:

 the public transport on which you are booked to travel from or to your home territory being cancelled or delayed for at least 12 hours, diverted or redirected after take off; or

- you being denied boarding because there are too many passengers for the seats available and no suitable alternative flight could be provided within 12 hours; or
- your transport operator, accommodation provider or their booking agents become insolvent.

**we** will pay for additional travel and accommodation costs.

If **your** own prescription medication has run out as a direct result of **you** having to make alternative travel arrangements, **we** will also pay for emergency medical supplies to prevent a deterioration of an existing **medical condition**.

For each **insured person**, the most **we** will pay is £6,000.

# Alternative accommodation arrangements

If **you** have to move to other accommodation during **your trip** as a result of:

- 1. the insolvency of the accommodation provider or their booking agents;
- 2. fire, flood, earthquake, explosion, volcanic eruption, severe/adverse weather; or
- 3. an outbreak of food poisoning,

**we** will pay additional accommodation costs (of a similar standard) to allow **you** to continue **your trip**.

For each **insured person**, the most **we** will pay is £6,000.

# Claims conditions

- 1. Any costs incurred may have to be paid by **you** and submitted as a claim.
- 2. **We** will only pay for additional transport or accommodation costs if **your** carrier or their handling agents have not been able to offer **you** suitable alternative accommodation and/ or travel arrangements. All claims must be supported by documentary evidence of the costs **you** have incurred.

# Travel delay

 You must obtain written confirmation of the number of hours and reason for the delay from your carrier or their handling agent.

#### Missed departures

 If you miss your pre-booked transport you must contact the carrier or their handling agent to see if a late arrival is possible or if alternative travel arrangements can be made.

# Alternative transport and accommodation arrangements

- You must provide written confirmation from your transport provider of the length of the delay and the reason for the delay.
- If you are denied boarding you must provide proof that your carrier was unable to offer you suitable alternative travel arrangements.
- You must provide written confirmation from your accommodation provider or their booking agents of the reason you were unable to use your pre-booked accommodation.

#### **Excess**

**We** will not pay the first £75 if the **trip** is cancelled or **you** have to make alternative travel and accommodation arrangements.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' section.
- Any claim where you have not done all you can to get to your departure point, or where you have not allowed sufficient time to make the travel connections shown on your ticket/ itinerary, for example transfers between terminals, airports, ports or stations.
- Any claim where the carrier or their handling agents have offered reasonable alternative transport.
- 4. Any claim for costs where **you** have received a refund from the carrier or handling agent.

# Missed departures

- Any claim for a missed connection for a trip which was not pre-booked before you left the UK.
- 2. Any claim for **trips** solely within the **UK.**

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

If **you** are injured, fall ill, are quarantined or die during **your trip**, **we** will cover **you** up to the limits shown below, for:

# **Emergency medical treatment**

- Emergency medical treatment outside your home territory (including rescue services to take you to hospital).
- Emergency dental treatment outside your home territory which is required for immediate pain relief and/or emergency repairs to dentures or artificial teeth to alleviate distress in eating only.

# Associated expenses

- Extra charges for half board accommodation (of a similar standard to the accommodation you had booked for your trip) if it is medically necessary for you to stay after the date you were going to return home or travel to your next destination.
- The cost of burying or cremating you in the country where you die, if you die outside your home territory.
- 3. The cost of returning **your** body or ashes to **your home**.
- The cost of getting you home or to a UK hospital, if it is medically necessary because you are seriously injured or fall seriously ill during your trip and you cannot use your return ticket.

If **our** Medical Emergency Assistance provider and the treating **doctor** agree that it is necessary, **we** will also pay travel and accommodation costs for one relative or friend who has to stay with **you** or travel to be with **you**.

For each insured person we will pay up to:

- £10,000,000 emergency medical treatment and associated expenses outside of your home territory, including the cost of your burial or cremation if you die outside of your home territory, and/or returning your body or ashes to your home.
- 2. £1,000 emergency dental treatment outside of **your home territory**.
- 3. £10,000 associated expenses for claims in your home territory.

#### Medical inconvenience

If **you** are claiming for emergency medical expenses outside of **your home territory**, and these are covered under this section, **we** will also pay **you** £20 for each consecutive 24 hours **your trip** is disrupted if **you** are:

- 1. in hospital receiving in-patient treatment; or
- confined to your accommodation on the advice of the treating doctor.

For each **insured person we** will pay up to £1,000 for medical inconvenience outside of **vour home territory.** 

# Holiday disruption

If **you** are claiming for emergency medical expenses and receiving treatment as an inpatient for more than 24 hours, **we** will pay **your** own non-recoverable, unused personal travel and accommodation costs.

The most **we** will pay for each **insured person** is £6,000.

#### Claims conditions

**You** must phone the Emergency Medical Assistance helpline before **you** make any arrangement if an injury or illness means that **you**:

- 1. need to seek emergency medical advice; or
- 2. are told by the treating **doctor** that **you** need to visit them for repeat treatments; or
- 3. are going to require tests or investigations as an out-patient; or
- 4. are told that **you** need to go into hospital as an in-patient.

An experienced Emergency Medical Assistance coordinator will deal with **your** enquiry and make sure that where necessary:

- 1. hospitals are contacted; and/or
- 2. medical fees are guaranteed; and/or
- 3. medical advisors are consulted.

If **you** cannot call before **you** are admitted as an in-patient because the condition is serious, **you** must contact the Emergency Medical Assistance helpline as soon as possible after **you** go into hospital.

If you are injured or fall ill during your trip, our Medical Emergency Assistance provider may move you from one hospital to another and/or arrange for you to return home at any time. They will only do this if they and the treating doctor think that it is safe for you to be moved or returned home.

**You** must provide **us** with all medical reports given to **you** by the treating **doctor** and/or the hospital/medical facility.

#### **Excess**

We will not pay the first £75 for each insured person, per claim per trip, for emergency medical treatment and associated expenses. There is no excess for the 'Medical inconvenience' or 'Holiday disruption' benefits.

If the cost of **your** medical treatment is reduced because **you** have used a worldwide reciprocal health care agreement or private health insurance, there will be no **excess** applicable under this section.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' and 'Your health' sections.
- 2. Any claim for:
  - a) treatment received in your home territory;
  - b) the cost of in-patient hospital treatment, out-patient treatment or going home early that our Medical Emergency Assistance provider has not agreed beforehand;

- c) the cost of any non-emergency treatment or surgery, including exploratory tests, which are not directly related to the illness or injury you originally went to hospital for,
- d) any form of treatment that **your** treating **doctor** and **our** Medical Emergency
  Assistance provider think can reasonably wait until **you** return **home**;
- e) cosmetic surgery, unless considered necessary as a medical emergency and agreed with **our** Medical Emergency Assistance provider;
- f) medication which, at the time your trip started, you knew that you would need while you were away;
- g) any extra costs because **you** have requested a single or private room;
- h) treatment or services provided by a health spa, convalescent or nursing home or any rehabilitation centre;
- i) any treatment after **you** have returned **home**, or are repatriated to a **UK** hospital.
- Costs incurred following your decision not to move hospital or return to your home territory after the date when it was deemed safe for you to do so by our Medical Emergency Assistance provider and your treating doctor.
- 4. Any claim for 'Medical inconvenience' benefit:
  - a) where the period in hospital or confinement to **your** accommodation is less than 24 consecutive hours;
  - b) for any insured person not being treated as an in-patient or confined to accommodation on medical advice;
  - c) where the purpose of travelling was a **business trip**.
- Any claim for medical inconvenience or holiday disruption where there is no valid claim for emergency medical treatment.

# ACCIDENTAL DEATH OR PERMANENT DISABILITY

We will cover you if you suffer a serious accidental bodily injury during your trip which requires immediate and urgent medical attention and leads solely, directly and independently of any other cause to:

- · your death; or
- total and permanent loss of use of an entire arm, hand, leg or foot; or
- loss of sight to the extent where you are eligible to be registered as severely sight impaired (blind); or
- disablement which means that you are permanently and entirely prevented from following any occupation suited to your education, experience and capability and this disablement has lasted for at least one year from the date you sustained the injury, or has been confirmed as permanent with no prospect of improvement by the treating doctor.

For each insured person, we will pay up to:

- £15,000 in the event of death, other than for insured persons under 16 years of age where the maximum we will pay is £1,000.
- £50,000 for loss of use of limb, loss of sight and/or disablement.

#### Claims conditions

- 1. The death or disability must happen within two years of the accident.
- Only one benefit will be paid under this section, regardless of the number of injuries sustained.
- Any benefit will be paid to you or your legal representative. If you die, the benefit will be paid into your estate.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' section.
- 2. Any claim resulting from sickness, disease, nervous shock or degenerative process.

# LEGAL EXPENSES AND ADVICE

Legal expenses are underwritten by Aviva Insurance Limited. Personal legal advice and claims handling is undertaken by Arc Legal Assistance Limited or such other company **we** notify **you** of from time to time.

# Legal expense cover

If, during the **trip**, an accident causes the death or injury of an **insured person** which was not the **insured person**'s fault **we** will provide a lawyer and up to £50,000 for legal costs to pursue a civil claim.

**Our** lawyer will assess the evidence and proceed on **your** behalf if it is more likely than not that **you** will recover damages. If, in the lawyer's opinion:

- the prospects of success are no longer in your favour; or
- 2. the non-recoverable costs are likely to exceed the potential compensation,

then **we** will not pay further costs toward **your** legal claim.

# Personal legal advice

**We** will give **you** confidential advice over the phone on any personal legal problem that may lead to a claim under this section.

**We** will tell **you** what **your** legal rights are, what course of action is available to **you** and whether these can be best implemented by **you** or whether **you** need to consult with a lawyer.

# Special conditions

Contingency fees:

- For claims made in some countries, you may have to enter into a contingency fee arrangement with a lawyer representing you.
   This means that the lawyer will receive an agreed percentage of any compensation which they receive for you.
- **We** will not pay any costs incurred by the lawyer relating to such an arrangement.

#### Choice of lawyer:

- If court proceedings are issued within the UK or there is a conflict of interest, you can choose your own lawyer.
- For proceedings outside the UK, we will choose the lawyer.
- We will appoint that lawyer subject to acceptance of our standard terms of appointment which are available upon request.
- Subject to the other terms and conditions of this policy, we will pay legal costs up to £50,000.

Our rights and your obligations:

- On request, **your** lawyer must provide **us** with information or opinion about **your** claim.
- You must cooperate fully with us and the lawyer.
- You must notify us immediately if anyone offers to settle a claim. If you don't accept an

- offer which the lawyer advises is reasonable **we** may refuse to pay further costs.
- If successful, you must instruct your lawyer to attempt recovery of all costs relating to your case.

Legal expenses cover will end if you:

- settle or withdraw your claim without our agreement.
- do not give instructions when requested by the lawyer.
- dismiss a lawyer without our consent. We will not withhold consent without good reason.

If, due to the above, **we** incur costs that wouldn't otherwise have been incurred, **we** reserve the right to recover these from **you**.

**You** cannot transfer **your** rights under this section. A person, partnership (whether limited or not) or company who is not insured under this **policy** has no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of its terms.

# What is not covered

- Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' section.
- 2. An application for judicial review.
- 3. Claims made by anyone other than **you** enforcing their rights under this cover.
- 4. Any costs incurred before **your** claim has been accepted by **us.**

# PERSONAL LIABILITY

**We** will cover any money that **you** legally have to pay that relates to an accident **you** have caused during **your trip** which causes:

- death, illness, disease or physical injury to any person:
- loss or damage to property;
- loss or damage to temporary holiday accommodation which is not owned by you.

**We** will also pay legal costs and expenses incurred by **you** in relation to the accident. **You** must obtain **our** consent in writing before incurring any cost or expense.

For any one event, we will pay up to £2,000,000.

#### **Excess**

A £150 **excess** applies to all claims arising from damage caused by **you** to **your** temporary holiday accommodation.

# What is not covered

1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' section.

- Any fines or exemplary damages (punishing, or aimed at punishing, the person responsible rather than awarding compensation) you have to pay.
- 3. Liability arising from:
  - a) death or injury of members of your household or people who work for you;
  - b) loss or damage to property which belongs to **you** or is under:
    - i) your control;
    - ii) the control of a member of your household;
    - iii) the control of people who work for you.
  - c) your job;
  - d) you owning or occupying any land or building, unless you are occupying any temporary holiday accommodation;
  - e) you owning or using:
    - i) animals (except domestic animals);
    - ii) firearms (except sporting guns used for clay-pigeon or small-bore shooting);
    - iii) motorised vehicles;
    - iv) vessels (other than manually propelled watercraft);
    - v) aircraft of any description, including unpowered flight.

# YOUR POSSESSIONS

# Delayed baggage

If **your** baggage is temporarily lost on the outward journey and **you** are without it for more than 12 hours **we** will pay for the replacement of essential items.

For each insured person, we will pay up to £250.

# Baggage and personal money

**We** will cover **you** for loss, theft or accidental damage to **your**:

- 1. baggage, including valuables; and/or
- 2. personal money

**We** will also cover foreign currency during the 72 hours immediately before **your** departure on the outward journey.

For each insured person, we will pay up to:

- £2,500 in total for baggage (less any amount already claimed under the 'Delayed baggage' section) subject to a maximum of:
  - £1,000 for any individual item.
- £500 for **personal money** (a maximum of £100 for cash applies to **insured persons** under the age of 16).

For baggage or valuables which are:

- a) less than two years old, we will pay the replacement cost when proof of the original purchase is provided;
- b) more than two years old or where proof of purchase cannot be provided, we will, at our option, settle any claim by payment or replacement based on the value of your items at the time of loss.

# **Emergency travel documents**

If **your** passport or visa is lost, stolen or accidentally damaged whilst **you** are outside the **UK**, **we** will pay for:

- a) the cost of an emergency travel document; and/or
- b) travel, accommodation and communication expenses.

if the loss prevents **you** from leaving the country **you** are in or continuing the **trip**.

For each **insured person**, the most **we** will pay is £750.

Contact the Travel Assistance helpline for advice on how to replace lost or stolen **personal money**, and how to obtain an emergency travel document to enable **you** to continue **your trip**.

# Claims conditions

- If your baggage is lost, stolen or damaged by an authority, a transport company or hotel, you must report the details of the loss or damage to them in writing and request written confirmation, including the number of hours you were without your baggage if it was temporarily lost.
- 2. If **your** baggage is lost or damaged by an airline, **you** must:
  - a) get a property irregularity report;
  - b) give written notice of the claim to the airline within the time limit in their conditions or carriage (you should keep a copy);
  - c) keep all travel tickets and tags if **you** claim under this **policy**.
- 3. You must report any loss or theft to the police as soon as reasonably possible following discovery, and get a written report (where it is not possible to obtain a police report you must provide other independent proof of the loss or theft, such as a letter from your transport company, hotel, or resort management).
- It may affect your claim if you cannot prove the value of, and that you were responsible for, the lost, stolen or damaged items, for

example a receipt or credit card/bank statement showing evidence of the purchase, proof of withdrawal or a currency exchange receipt. If **you** are claiming for damage, **we** may ask **you** to send **us** the broken item.

#### **Excess**

We will not pay the first £75 for each **insured person**, per claim per **trip**, but limited to £150 in total. There is no **excess** for Delayed baggage.

# What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' section.
- Loss, accidental damage or theft of personal money or valuables not carried in your hand baggage and fully accessible to you while you are travelling.
- Loss or theft of personal money, baggage or valuables which you have deliberately left somewhere that is not in your full view and with no one known to you looking after them.
- 4. Theft of **personal money**, baggage or **valuables** from a locked room, safe, motor vehicle or caravan unless there is visible evidence of forcible and violent entry.
- 5. Theft of **personal money**, baggage or **valuables** from an unattended motor vehicle unless they have been placed out of view.
- Any personal money, baggage or valuables delayed, detained or confiscated by customs or other officials.
- 7. Wear and tear, loss of value or damage caused by moths and/or vermin, or any process of cleaning, repairing or restoring.
- Loss, accidental damage or theft of bonds, securities or documents of any kind (other than those listed under personal money).
- Any claim for travel and accommodation expenses of any other insured person who could travel without you but decides to stay with you.
- 10.Pedal cycles, contact or corneal lenses, hearing aids or other medical and dental fittings. Antiques, musical instruments, unset precious stones, furs or telescopes.
- 11. Scuba diving, fishing or winter sports equipment.
- 12.Loss or damage of sports equipment or clothing whilst in use.
- 13.Cracking, scratching or breaking of glass (except lenses in camera, binoculars or spectacles), china, porcelain, ceramics, pottery, ornaments or similar fragile articles.

- 14.Loss, accidental damage or theft of items used in connection with **your** job, which are not owned by **you**.
- 15. Shortages due to a mistake or loss due to a change in exchange rates.
- 16.Loss or theft of travellers' cheques where the issuer provides replacements or where you have not complied with the issuer's instructions.

# WINTER SPORTS

Cover under this section only applies for a total of 31 days in any calendar year.

# Winter sports equipment

If your owned or hired winter sports equipment is lost, stolen or damaged by accident during your trip, we will pay for the repair or replacement, whichever is lower, after making an allowance for wear and tear and loss of value using the scale below.

- Up to 2 years old, 100% of the purchase price
- Up to 3 years old, 50% of the purchase price
- Up to 4 years old, 30% of the purchase price
- Up to 5 years old, 20% of the purchase price

We will pay to hire replacement winter sports equipment if:

- you make a successful claim for loss, theft or damage to your winter sports equipment; or
- your winter sports equipment is temporarily delayed in transit for more than 24 hours.

**We** will also cover the cost of a replacement lift pass if it is lost or stolen.

For each insured person, we will pay up to:

- £500 for winter sports equipment owned by you;
- £250 for winter sports equipment hired to you;
- £150 for a replacement lift pass;
- £15 per day for hire of replacement winter sports equipment, up to a maximum of £250.

#### Delay due to avalanche

**We** will pay for the cost of extra travel and accommodation if an avalanche delays **your** arrival at, or departure from, the booked resort (only during the published ski season).

For each insured person, we will pay up to £300.

#### Piste closure

This cover does not apply to cross-country skiing.

**We** will pay **you** a daily benefit if all pistes at **your** booked resort are closed due to lack of snow, excessive snow or high winds.

For each **insured person**, **we** will pay a daily benefit of £30 up to a maximum of £300.

# Medical inconvenience

If, due to illness or injury, **you** are medically certified as being unable to ski or board, **we** will pay a daily benefit for each day **you** are prevented from doing so.

**We** will also pay a benefit for the proportionate cost of **your** non-refundable ski pack (ski lessons from a ski school, ski hire and lift pass).

For each **insured person**, the most **we** will pay is:

- £50 for each day you are unable to ski or board, up to a maximum of £200.
- £500 for your ski pack.

#### **Excess**

We will not pay the first £75 for each insured person, per claim per trip, for winter sports equipment owned by you. The total excess will be limited to £150.

### Claims conditions

# Winter sports equipment:

- If your winter sports equipment is lost or damaged by an authority, a transport company or hotel, you must report the details of the loss or damage to them in writing and request written confirmation.
- 2. If **your winter sports equipment** is lost or damaged by an airline, **you** must:
  - a) get a property irregularity report;
  - b) give written notice of the claim to the airline within the time limit in their conditions of carriage (you should keep a copy);
  - c) keep all travel tickets and tags if **you** claim under this **policy**.
- 3. You must report any loss or theft to the police as soon as reasonably possible following discovery, and get a written report (where it is not possible to obtain a police report you must provide other independent proof of the loss or theft, such as a letter from your transport company, hotel, or resort management).

#### Piste closure

**You** must provide evidence from **your** tour operator or resort management that all pistes were closed, and how long they were closed for.

#### What is not covered

- 1. Anything mentioned in the 'General exclusions' or 'Your health' sections.
- Any claim where the maximum limit of 31 days for winter sports has been exceeded.

# Winter sports equipment:

- 1. Deliberate or malicious damage caused by an **insured person.**
- Loss or damage to winter sports equipment caused by an insured person's carelessness or neglect.
- Hired winter sports equipment which is damaged while being used.
- Wear and tear, loss of value and damage caused by moths, vermin, or any process of cleaning, repairing or restoring.
- 5. Loss or theft of **winter sports equipment** which **you** have deliberately left somewhere that is not in **your** full view and with no one known to **you** looking after it.
- Theft of winter sports equipment from a locked room, safe, motor vehicle or caravan, unless there is visible evidence of forcible and violent entry.
- 7. Theft of winter sports equipment from an unattended motor vehicle unless it has been placed out of view.
- Any winter sports equipment delayed, detained or confiscated by customs or other officials.

# SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

We'll cover you whilst you take part in most sports and leisure activities. It is a general condition of **this policy** that you take all reasonable precautions to protect yourself against accidents and injury.

This includes when **you** take part in sports and leisure activities where **you** must make use of any appropriate safety equipment and follow any instructions provided (if taking part in an organised activity).

Please refer to the 'Personal liability' section for further exclusions.

#### There is no cover for:

 You training for, or taking part in any race, time trial or organised sporting competition, performance or tournament.

- You participating in an activity as a professional or where you are paid or receive benefits in kind, such as travel and/or accommodation or expenses.
- Any claim for injury, illness or death that happens while you are taking part in these activities or any financial loss as a result of you being unable to take part in these activities.

#### **Excluded activities**

# You will not be covered whilst participating in any of these activities

#### Land

- Adventure racing/endurance events/marathon/ ultramarathon/multi-discipline events
- · Big game hunting/hunting
- Boxing/martial arts
- Caving/potholing
- Charity and conservation work that is not organised through a registered organisation, is not voluntary or involves work at heights over 3 metres or work in a healthcare facility
- · Cycle racing
- Expeditions
- Free running/Parkour
- Mountain biking other than trails graded as easy or moderate
- Mountaineering, rock climbing, bouldering (outdoors) or via ferrata
- Track events involving the use of motor vehicles
- Trekking that involves an ascent to more than 5,000 metres altitude

#### Water

- · Canyoning/Coasteering
- · Cliff diving
- · Free diving
- · High diving
- Ice diving
- · Kite surfing
- River sports involving rivers over grade 3
- Sailing/Yachting more than 12 miles from shore
- · Scuba diving
  - where this is the main reason you booked the trip;
  - where you are not accompanied by a qualified instructor or dive master;
  - beyond the depth to which **you** are qualified to a maximum of 40m;

- that is professional, commercial or technical diving in nature, including but not limited to enriched air, tutor, solo, wreck, cave or cavern diving.
- · Water ski jumping

#### Aerial

- · Base jumping
- Flying (other than as a fare paying passenger in a fully licensed passenger carrying aircraft)
- · Gliding
- · Hang gliding
- Parachuting
- Paragliding
- Sky diving/parachuting (other than tandem skydiving through licensed operator)

# Winter sports activities

- Bobsleigh/cresta/luge/skeleton
- · Freestyle skiing/snowboarding
- Off-piste skiing (unless accompanied by a qualified guide at all times in areas the resort management consider to be safe)
- · Heli-skiing
- · Glacier skiing
- Ski flying/jumping/stunting/surfing
- Ski racing/training
- · Ski mountaineering

# **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

# Our promise of service

Our goal is to give excellent service to all our customers but we recognise that things go wrong occasionally. We take all complaints we receive seriously and aim to resolve all our customers' problems promptly. To ensure that we provide the kind of service you expect we welcome your feedback. We will record and analyse your comments to make sure we continually improve the service we offer.

# What will happen if you complain?

- We will acknowledge your complaint promptly.
- We aim to resolve all complaints as quickly as possible.

Most of **our** customers' concerns can be resolved quickly, but occasionally more detailed enquiries are needed. If this is likely, **we** will contact **you** with an update within 10 working days of receipt and give **you** an expected date of response.

# What to do if you are unhappy

If **you** are unhappy with any aspect of the handling of **your** claim or medical screening **we** would encourage **you**, in the first instance to seek resolution by contacting:

- 0800 056 5913
- M&S Club Rewards Travel Insurance Claims, PO Box 432, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 8WP.

If **your** complaint relates to the cover provided under this **policy** please contact:

- 0800 051 2616 or
- Customer Care team, M&S Club Rewards travel insurance, PO Box 7463, Perth, PH2 0YX.

Please provide **your policy** number in any correspondence.

If **your** complaint relates to the sale of M&S Club Rewards with insurance please contact:

- 0345 900 0900 or
- Customer Services team, M&S Club Rewards travel insurance, M&S Bank, PO Box 10565, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, LE18 9FT.

If **you** are unhappy with the outcome of **your** complaint, **you** may refer the matter free of charge to:

 The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR

Telephone: **0800 023 4567** (free from landlines and mobiles)

# www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

You can also contact the Financial Ombudsman by using the online dispute resolution platform known as ODR, which you can access at www.ec.europa.eu/odr

Whilst **we** are bound by the decision of the Financial Ombudsman Service, **you** are not. Following the complaints procedure does not affect **your** right to take legal action.

#### COMPENSATION

We are members of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from this scheme if we cannot meet our obligations, depending on the type of insurance and the circumstances of your claim. Further information about the scheme is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk

# PRIVACY NOTICE OVERVIEWS

# The data controllers responsible for the personal information in the notice are:

Aviva Insurance Ltd (Aviva) as the underwriter of M&S Club Rewards travel insurance. Aviva collects and uses personal information about you so that they can provide you with a policy that suits your insurance needs. Some of this information may be collected directly from you and some may be collected from other sources including M&S Bank (a trading name of Marks & Spencer Financial Services plc), for example, during the sale of the policy. Aviva, is the data controller in respect of your personal information that it has received from M&S Bank, as intermediary, and also in respect of any information that it has collected directly from you or from other sources as set out in its Privacy Notice.

M&S Bank, Kings Meadow, Chester, CH99 9FB, is responsible for the sale and administration of M&S Club Rewards with insurance. We will collect and use personal information about you during the sale and administration of the product which may be provided by you but could also include information that we have previously collected about you, e.g. any information held about you as a banking customer. M&S Bank is the data controller for this information which will be shared with Aviva as set out in its Privacy Notice.

### Privacy notice overview

M&S Bank will share your personal information with Aviva to enable Aviva to underwrite your policy and manage your claims. If you make a claim, any information you give to us, or to Aviva, may be put in a register of claims database and it may be shared with other insurers to prevent fraudulent claims.

Please read an overview of our Privacy Notice below. You can access the full Privacy Notice at www.marksandspencer.com/bankprivacynotice or by writing to: M&S Bank, PO Box 10564, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, LE18 9FS.

This provides an overview of:

- the types of information we collect about you
- · how we collect and use it
- · who we might share it with
- the steps we'll take to make sure it stays private and secure.

**We'll** also explain your rights to your information. This is just an overview of some key points. A full description is contained in the Privacy Notice which you can obtain by visiting

www.marksandspencer.com/bankprivacynotice or by writing to: M&S Bank, PO Box 10564, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, LE18 9FS.

#### Who we are

When **we** say '**we**', **we** mean M&S Bank who is the data controller for your M&S Club Rewards travel insurance. The data controller is responsible for deciding how your information is used and ensuring it is private and secure.

M&S Bank is a trading name of Marks & Spencer Financial Services plc. Registered in England No. 1772585. Marks & Spencer Financial Services plc is entered in the Financial Services Register. Registration No. 151427. You can check the above registration details on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. M&S Bank is part of the HSBC Group of companies.

#### The information we collect

**We** collect information about you from different places including:

- · directly from you
- from a third party acting on your behalf e.g. an intermediary or broker
- · from other HSBC companies
- from Marks and Spencer plc
- from publicly available sources
- when we generate it ourselves
- · from other organisations.

**We'll** only collect your information in line with relevant regulations and law and this may relate to any of our products or services you apply for, currently hold or have held in the past.

You're responsible for making sure you give us accurate and up-to-date information. If you provide information for another person on your account, you'll need to tell them how to find the Privacy Notice and make sure they agree to us using their information for the purposes set out in it.

# How we'll use your information

We'll use it to provide any products and services you've requested and other purposes, for example:

- · to confirm your identity and address
- to understand how you use your accounts
- · to carry out your instructions

- to improve our products and services
- to offer you other services **we** believe may benefit you unless you ask us not to.

**We'll** only use your information where **we're** allowed to by law e.g. carrying out an agreement **we** have with you, fulfilling a legal obligation, because **we** have a legitimate business interest or where you agree to it.

**We** may use automated systems to help us make credit decisions as well as carrying out fraud and money laundering checks.

# Who we can share your information with

M&S Bank will share your personal information with the insurer to enable the insurer to provide you with a quote, administer your policy and manage your claims. If you make a claim, any information you give to us, or to the insurer may be put in a register of claims database and it may be shared with other insurers to prevent fraudulent claims. We may share your information with other HSBC Group members and any subcontractors, agents, or service providers who work for us or other HSBC Group companies as well as Marks and Spencer plc. We may also share your information with others outside of the HSBC Group e.g. regulators, insurers, other financial institutions, brokers, agents as well as credit reference and fraud prevention agencies.

# Sensitive information

When you apply for insurance, you may need to give us sensitive health information if the insurer needs this to give you a quote. **We** will keep this information secure and process it in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. Where appropriate, **we** will ask for consent to collect and use this information.

# How long we'll keep your information

We'll keep your information for as long as you have a relationship with us. After it ends we'll keep it where we may need it for our legitimate purposes, to help us respond to queries or complaints, or for other legal and regulatory reasons, including for example, fighting fraud and financial crime and responding to requests from regulators.

# Transferring your information overseas

Your information may be transferred and stored in countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA), including some that may not have laws offering the same level of protection for personal information. When **we** do this, **we'll** ensure an appropriate level of protection is maintained.

# Your rights

You have a number of rights relating to your information e.g. to see what **we** hold, to ask us to share it with another party, to ask us to update incorrect or incomplete details, to object to or restrict processing of it or to make a complaint etc.

For a fuller statement of your rights and how to complain if you're unhappy with anything you think **we** are doing, please see the full Privacy Notice

#### More information

If you'd like more details about anything covered in this summary, please see our full Privacy Notice. You can view or download a copy by visiting www.marksandspencer.com/bankprivacynotice or if you prefer paper, give us a call on 0345 900 0900 and we'll send you one in the post.

# Aviva privacy notice overview

In this section 'we', 'us' or 'our' means Aviva Insurance Limited.

**We** collect and use personal information about you so that **we** can provide you with a policy that suits your insurance needs. This notice explains the most important aspects of how **we** use your information but you can get **more** information about the terms **we** use and view **our** full privacy policy at

www.aviva.co.uk/privacypolicy or request a copy by writing to **us** at Aviva, Freepost, Mailing Exclusion Team, Unit 5, Wanlip Road Ind Est, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1PD.

The data controller responsible for this personal information is Aviva Insurance Limited as the underwriter of the product. Additional controllers include M&S Bank, who are responsible for the sale and administration of the product, and any applicable insurers, reinsurers or brokers we use

# Personal information we collect and how we use it

**We** will use personal information collected from you and obtained from other sources:

- to provide you with insurance: we need this to decide if we can offer insurance to you and if so on what terms and also to handle any claims,
- to support legitimate interests that we have as a business. We need this to:
  - manage arrangements we have with our insurers, reinsurers and brokers we use, and for the detection and prevention of fraud,

- to meet any applicable legal or regulatory obligations: we need this to meet compliance requirements with our regulators (e.g. Financial Conduct Authority), to comply with law enforcement and to manage legal claims, and
- to carry out other activities that are in the public interest: for example we may need to use personal information to carry out anti-money laundering checks.

We may also use personal information about other people, for example family members you wish to insure on a policy. If you are providing information about another person we expect you to ensure that they know you are doing so. You might find it helpful to show them this privacy notice.

The personal information we collect and use will include name, address, date of birth and financial information. If a claim is made we will also collect personal information about the claim from you and any relevant third parties. We may also need to ask for details relating to the health or any unspent offences or criminal convictions of you or somebody else covered under your policy. We recognise that information about health and offences or criminal convictions is particularly sensitive information. We'll ensure that we only use that information where we need to for our insurance purposes (including assessing the terms of your insurance contract, dealing with changes to your policy and/or dealing with claims.

There may be times when **we** need consent to use personal information for a specific reason. If this happens **we** will make this clear to you at the time. If you give **us** consent to using personal information, you are free to withdraw this at any time by contacting **us** – refer to the "Contacting us" details below. Please note that if consent to use this information is withdrawn **we** will not be able to continue to process the information you gave **us** for this/these purposes(s). This would not affect our use of the information where consent is not required.

Of course, you don't have to provide **us** with any personal information, but if you don't provide the information **we** need **we** may not be able to proceed with your application or any claim you make

Some of the information **we** use as part of this application may be provided to **us** by a third party. This may include information already held about you within the Aviva group, including details from previous quotes and claims,

information **we** obtain from publicly available records, **our** trusted third parties and from industry databases, including fraud prevention agencies and databases.

# Credit reference agency searches

To ensure the insurer has the necessary facts to assess your insurance risk, verify your identity, help prevent fraud and provide you with **our** best premium and payment options, the insurer may need to obtain information relating to you at quotation, renewal and in certain circumstances where policy amendments are requested. The insurer or their agents may undertake checks against publicly available information (such as electoral roll, county court judgments, bankruptcy orders or repossession(s)). Similar checks may be made when assessing claims.

The identity of **our** credit reference agency and the ways in which they use and share personal information are explained in more detail at www.transunion.co.uk/crain.

# Automated decision making

**We** carry out automated decision making to decide whether **we** can provide insurance to you and on what terms, deal with claims or carry out fraud checks. In particular **we** use an automated underwriting engine to provide a quote for this product, using the information **we** have collected.

# How we share your personal information with others

We may share your personal information:

- with the Aviva group, our agents and third parties who provide services to us, and other insurers (either directly or via those acting for the insurer such as loss adjusters or investigators) to help us administer our products and services.
- with regulatory bodies and law enforcement bodies, including the police, e.g. if we are required to do so to comply with a relevant legal or regulatory obligation,
- with other organisations including insurers, public bodies and the police (either directly or using shared databases) for fraud prevention and detection purposes,
- with reinsurers who provide reinsurance services to Aviva and for each other. In respect of risks underwritten by Aviva, with insurers who cover Aviva under its group insurance policies and with **our** brokers who arrange and manage such reinsurance and insurance arrangements. They will use your data to decide whether to provide reinsurance and insurance cover, arrange and manage

such cover, assess and deal with reinsurance and insurance claims under such cover and to meet legal obligations. They will keep your data for the period necessary for these purposes and may need to disclose it to other companies within their group, their agents and third party service providers, law enforcement and regulatory bodies.

Some of the organisations **we** share information with may be located outside of the European Economic Area ("EEA"). **We'll** always take steps to ensure that any transfer of information outside of Europe is carefully managed to protect your privacy rights. For more information on this please see **our** Privacy Policy or contact **us**.

# How long we keep your personal information for

We maintain a retention policy to ensure **we** only keep personal information for as long as **we** reasonably need it for the purposes explained in this notice. We need to keep information for the period necessary to process your insurance and deal with claims and queries on your policy. We may also need to keep information after **our** relationship with you has ended, for example to ensure **we** have an accurate record in the event of any complaints or challenges, carry out relevant fraud checks, or where **we** are required to do so for legal, regulatory or tax purposes.

# Your rights

You have various rights in relation to your personal information, including the right to request access to your personal information, correct any mistakes on **our** records, erase or restrict records where they are no longer required, object to use of personal information based on legitimate business interests, ask not to be subject to automated decision making if the decision produces legal or other significant effects on you, and data portability. For more details in relation to your rights, including how to exercise them, please see **our** full privacy policy or contact **us** – refer to the "Contacting us" details below.

# Contacting us

If you have any questions about how **we** use personal information, or if you want to exercise your rights stated above, please contact **our** Data Protection team by either emailing them at <u>dataprt@aviva.com</u> or writing to the Data Protection Officer, Level 5, Pitheavlis, Perth PH2 ONH.

If you have a complaint or concern about how **we** use your personal information, please

contact **us** in the first instance and **we** will attempt to resolve the issue as soon as possible. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office at any time.

# Fraud prevention and detection

In order to prevent and detect fraud **we** may at any time share information about you with other organisations and public bodies including the police.

You should show these notices to anyone who has an interest in the insurance under the policy.

# WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

For medical emergencies: Within the UK: 0800 051 3483

Outside the UK: +44 (0) 1603 603371

For claims: Within the UK: 0800 051 2619

Outside the UK: +44 (0) 1603 603042

# Accessibility

At M&S Bank we understand that everyone has different needs. Whether you're dealing with a life event, want information sent to you in a certain format, such as large print, braille or audio, or if you have any health and accessibility needs, we're here to help.

Let us know how we can support you. Visit <u>marksandspencer.com/accessibility</u>, use our 'Chat with us' service or call us on 0345 900 0900.

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