

A Quick Guide to Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment

Most businesses regardless of size, shape or industry segments either own plant and equipment or hire it in for specific activities. Plant and equipment is vital to the successful running of a business and care should be taken to insure this and provide the right level of protection for your client.

Hot weather during the summer is a perfect example of the need for cover, where existing air conditioning units may have broken down due to constant use. Or the need for additional items, such as hiring in temporary units to control the heat at a business's premises.

Our Plant and Equipment insurance for SMEs is designed to help protect your client's business. With the easy to understand cover, we will provide you with the confidence that this insurance product will respond should your client need to make a claim.



Why buy?

Plant and Equipment Insurance protects SMEs for loss or damage to mobile plant and equipment used for the business activities that have been notified to us.

This will protect the plant and equipment anywhere in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of man and whilst temporarily removed to the European Economic Area.



Coverage

Loss or damage to plant and equipment arising from All Risks for assets belonging to the policyholder.

Legal liability under the terms of a hiring agreement to pay for loss or damage to plant and equipment hired in by the policyholder and extends to include any hire charges that they may still be liable for following that damage.



What is Covered?

Core cover pays for loss or damage for any owned item of plant and equipment on an All Risks basis. For plant and equipment hired in, we will cover your legal liability under the terms of the hiring agreement.

Additional cover could include

- Damage to lifted goods
- Employee's tools and personal effects
- Loss of fuel from bowsers
- Loss of keys
- Temporary hire of replacement plant and equipment following a loss

The maximum amount that we will pay will be the Limit of Indemnity selected by your client's business against each item or the maximum limit of indemnity for any one event or series of events. We will provide additional cover as stated in the clauses, subject to the limit stated.



Basis of Settlement

Reinstatement as new for plant and equipment less than 24 months old from the date of purchase as new by the policyholder, other than all-terrain vehicles, process machinery, site surveying equipment & trailers where it is less than 12 months old and when these items have been specifically included.

Otherwise we will replace or repair the plant and equipment to a condition as goods as, but not better than, its condition immediately prior to the loss.



Why Aviva?

- We have reviewed our existing product and made it easier to use and will provide protection to the customer's business, giving them confidence with no nasty surprises.
- Following a full market review, we can say with certainty that our product is amongst the widest and clearest coverage available today.
- Clear concise product with simplified covers which are easy to understand, no jargon, no hidden clauses or terms just plain-speaking Insurance.
- The product has been designed to be flexible, so you only buy the cover your client's business needs.
- Nobody knows your client better than you and when insurance for your client's business is clearly explained, honestly delivered, supported by highly trained insurance experts – you won't have to wonder if they have the right cover any more.



Suitable for

Businesses of all sizes and industry segments. A common perception is that this cover is only suitable for construction businesses, however that is only partly true. Potentially every business will have the need for this cover, look at a few examples below:

Property owning risks, such as putting up Christmas decorations or other signage which require scaffolding or access platforms

Hotel or office risks hiring in temporary air condition units to control room temperatures

Warehouse or shop risks requiring temporary goods handling plant e.g. fork lift truck

To make the policy extremely clear, we have specifically excluded certain business activities (these are listed below). However, if your business does carry out these activities then we may be able to extend the cover upon receipt of additional information.

Excluded Activities are

- reclamation, recycling, scrap, waste or skip hire
- aggregate extraction, mining or quarrying
- agriculture or farming
- arboriculture, forestry, gardening, landscape gardening, tree felling or lopping
- cement works
- demolition
- rail or tramway construction, maintenance or repair
- ship building, maintenance or repair
- timber or wood processing
- tunnelling
- work associated with or adjacent to any river, waterway, lake, reservoir or coast.

The only risk we are unable to cover is for Underground Mining.



Common claims scenarios

- Accidental damage whilst carrying out operations on contract sites.
- Toppling over of large plant
- Malicious damage
- Theft or attempted theft
- Overloading whilst carrying out lifting operations
- Fire arising from normal use or arson
- Theft by hirer
- Road traffic accident whilst in transit

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