

ACCEPTABLE RISKS & COVERAGES

We will accept the following types of risks:

- Owner, Rental, Seasonal or Vacant Occupancy
- One to Four family dwellings
- Values of at least \$15,000 and no greater than \$200,000
- Dwellings must be constructed in 1900 or after

The coverages available are:

- Related Private Structures - the insured has the option to purchase up to 50% of the Dwelling value.
- Personal Property - a maximum of 50% of the dwelling value is available for Rental and Seasonal risks.
A maximum of 70% is available for Owner Occupied Risks. A maximum of 10% is available on Vacant risks.
- Liability - a maximum of \$300,000 is available, unless otherwise limited by the underwriting guidelines.

BINDING AUTHORITY

For coverage to begin as requested, the application must be fully completed, signed and postmarked within 72 hours of the effective date, otherwise coverage is bound 12:01 A.M. the day received by the General Agent. No coverage may be bound or increased within 72 hours of the announcement of an impending disaster, i.e. volcanic eruption, earthquake, flood, mudslide, brushfire, etc.

During any temporary Binding Restriction, do not accept any applications for new policies, requests to increase coverage or decrease deductibles on current policies. Renewals are not affected by the Binding Restriction, provided that there are no requests to increase coverage or a lapse between policies.

EARTHQUAKES - The Binding Restriction will begin when an earthquake reading 5.0 or greater on the Richter Scale occurs and will continue for a 72 hour period following the quake. These restrictions will apply to all counties within 100 miles of the epicenter. An aftershock reading of 5.0 or greater on the Richter Scale will be considered a new earthquake and will result in a new period for a Binding Restriction. Renewals are not affected by the Binding Restriction, provided that there are no requests to increase coverage or a lapse between policies.

GENERAL RULES

1. DP-1 - All property must be insured to 100% market value, excluding land.
2. PHOTO(S) and signed application must be submitted with each risk.
3. Dwellings over 50 years old must have circuit breakers and the roof updated within last 20 years.
4. If woodstoves/fireplaces are used for supplemental heating, submit a completed and signed certification by the insured accompanied by a photo of the stove and chimney.

SUBMIT RISKS - DO NOT BIND

1. Any commercial use (including farming and daycare).
2. Insured has had more than one non-weather related loss and two weather related losses in last 3 years.
3. Other structures not incidental to the dwelling. (i.e. farm buildings, commercial structures, barns.)
4. Any risk where the insured owns a Pit Bull Terrier, Doberman, Rottweiler, Akita, Wolf, Wolf-Hybrid, Chow, farm animals, or any animal that has bitten any person are ineligible for liability coverage.
5. Dwellings where the contents exceeds 70% of the value of the dwelling (50% maximum on Rentals & Seasonals).
6. Dwellings where the applicant or spouse have had a property repossession, foreclosure or bankruptcy in the past four years.
7. Risks with swimming pools are ineligible for liability coverage unless fenced in with a locking gate and have no diving board or slide. Rental dwellings with a swimming pool are ineligible unless written without Liability coverage.
8. Risks with trampolines or other circumstances that reflect unusual exposure or increase in hazards are ineligible for liability coverage.
9. Homes that have been flooded, within 1,000 feet of rising water or areas that are prone to flooding. Please provide proof of flood insurance, otherwise ineligible.
10. Risks where the applicant was non-renewed or cancelled by their prior carrier due to underwriting reasons. Reason for non-renewal or cancellation must be provided.

INELIGIBLE RISKS - DO NOT BIND, DO NOT SUBMIT

1. Risks with poor upkeep. This program is not for non-standard risks.
2. Unemployed persons unless retired.
3. Dwellings with woodburning stoves as primary heat source or those which do not conform to the standards of our certification form.
4. Risks that are considered kit built, manufactured log homes, row homes, town homes, condominiums, earth homes, open pier homes, manufactured homes, trailers or homes of non-conventional design. If vacant, manufactured homes may be eligible in Vacant program.
5. Risks where kerosene or portable space heaters are used in the dwelling.
6. Risks that are not thermostatically controlled.
7. Risks that do not have smoke detectors.
8. Dwellings currently for sale or in the course of construction or renovation or dwellings with unrepaired or existing damage.
9. Risks with inoperable or no utilities such as natural gas, electricity and water.
10. Risks where the insured has a past conviction for arson, fraud or other insurance related offenses.
11. Risks with more than two lienholders.
12. Homes that lack proper steps at all entrances, or that have unstable steps, including cinder blocks not cemented together. Those with 3 or more steps must have hand rails. Risks not meeting this criteria are eligible if written without Liability coverage.
13. Homes in areas subject to mudslides, brush fires, or high crime.
14. Isolated risks not easily accessible from public roadways.
15. Risks where the applicant is behind 60 days or more on their mortgage payments or currently in foreclosure.
16. Risks that are attached to, occupied or converted from a commercial risk.