

Keeping your home safe. Prevention, it's always better than cure.



AIB Home Insurance can help you to get your property repaired or replaced after a storm, burst pipes or many other misfortunes. But nothing can compensate you for the stress (and distress) that serious damage to your home can bring to your every day life.

The fact that basics such as running water or clean clothing may not be readily available to you are often more traumatic than damage to floors or walls.

You also have a responsibility to take reasonable steps to keep your property safe.

We cannot control the weather but we can do some simple things that can avoid serious damage (or at least reduce it's effects);

- Drain your water system if you will be away for a prolonged period of time (and leave a house key with your neighbour, just in case!).
- If you own a holiday home it is a condition of your policy that you drain the water and switch off the electricity if the property is unoccupied during the winter months.
- Check that your attic pipes are well insulated and leave the attic door ajar.
- Find out where your water stop cock is. In the event of burst pipes, this will enable you to turn off the water immediately and minimize damage.
- Programme your central heating system to come on intermittently.
- Check for and replace loose roof tiles before they cause damage and injure someone.
- Keep gutters, drains and gratings free of leaves and other debris.
- If a serious storm is threatening (e.g. affecting water levels) move soft furnishings upstairs.
- And if you do suffer loss or damage to your property ring AIB Home Insurance first on

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