



HO-6 Condo Insurance – What is It, Do I Need It? Yes.

The question is common and simple. Now that I have purchased my condo, what insurance coverage do I need? We'll try to walk you through the basics and provide an outline of things to consider, but most certainly, follow this article up with your own insurance agent and make sure you understand what coverage or coverages you are purchasing. After all, the time to ask questions about insurance is before you have to file a claim.

Dwelling Coverage usually covers damage resulting from:

- Freezing of plumbing
- Accidental discharge or overflow of water from your plumbing
- Fire and lightning
- Explosions
- Theft, vandalism and malicious mischief
- Sudden, accidental damage from smoke
- Weight of snow, ice and sleet
- Sudden, accidental tearing, cracking, burning or bulging of a steam pipe or hot water heating system
- High Deductible Protection
- Additional Living Expense
 - For example, assume a house has been partially damaged in a fire. Because of the extensive damage, the policyholder is forced to move to a rental apartment on a temporary basis. Their rent is \$1,400 per month, which is in addition to the policyholder's \$1,100 mortgage payment, which she will continue to pay. Thus, the \$1,400 in rent would be considered additional living expenses. If the policyholder's food costs averaged a little higher than they were before the fire, this additional amount would be covered as well.

