Terms and conditions

This cover is designed to protect your phone, against the risk of loss, theft, damage and out of manufacturer warranty breakdown.

If included an integrated benefit of your contract tariff your confirmation of cover is your Virgin Media purchase receipt. If added as a chargeable extra, we sent a separate confirmation of cover letter. Your confirmation of cover and these Terms and Conditions form your insurance policy. Your policy number is your Virgin Mobile phone number.

If you choose insurance again when you upgrade your phone with Virgin Media, we’ll cancel cover on your old phone and write to you confirming your cover start date, premium and excess fee for the new phone.

In this document, the terms ‘we’, ‘our’ and ‘us’ means Asurion as the administrator of the policy (see section I) and Liberty Mutual Insurance Europe Limited (the Insurer).

A. Your benefits explained

This policy gives worldwide cover to protect your phone against:

- Loss and Theft
- Pet damage
- Accidental damage (including cracked screen and liquid damage)
- Malicious damage
- Out of warranty breakdown

You’re covered to lend your phone to family or friends and whenever you travel abroad, however long that may be. We can arrange international delivery, subject to the country’s laws and taxes. This costs an extra £20 plus any customs fees.

B. How to contact us

Phone: 0345 030 3291*
8am-9pm Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm at weekends; closed Bank Holidays.

Email: virginmedia@asurion.com

Write: Virgin Media mobile insurance
PO Box 71012, London W4 9FW

C. The cost

If mobile insurance is an integrated benefit of your tariff, Virgin Media will pay the Administrator the monthly premium. If added as a chargeable extra, your monthly premium is £7.99 (or £11.99 if you have an iPhone) payable in advance and collected by the administrator through a separate Direct Debit (reference: NEWAsurion Europe LTD RE VirginPhoneIns). If payment isn’t received, your cover will finish at the end of the paid period. Your cover automatically renews for up to 59 months at which point we’ll cancel your policy.

The excess fee (which is the amount you have to pay towards the cost of your replacement device to complete a successful claim) is based on the mobile phone value band as follows:

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As your device ages and falls in value, we’ll adjust your excess fee downwards. Call us to find out your current excess fee.

D. Make a claim

If your phone is lost, stolen or damaged follow these steps:

1. Block a lost or stolen mobile against unauthorised calls

Call Virgin Media as soon as possible (we recommend you do this within 48 hours) on 0345 6000 789 (+44 7953 967967 from abroad) to block it against unauthorised use. We recommend you report any stolen phone to the Police. We have the right to require a crime reference number to complete your claim.

2. Report & replace it

Call our Virgin Mobile Insurance team on 0345 030 3291 to make a claim. You should claim within 30 days of discovering any damage, loss, theft or breakdown. Please have a payment card ready to pay the excess fee.

When you claim for any loss or theft of your phone, we’ll block your original phone automatically before sending any replacement. We won’t be able to complete your claim until you agree to our blocking your original device. Once your claim is completed, we (and only we) can unblock that device.

E. Approved claims & next day replacement guarantee

We aim to provide a next-day replacement for claims accepted before 7.30pm Monday to Friday and 2.30pm at weekends. If we’re late, let us know and we’ll give you £20, credited to your bank account within 30 days. This excludes:

- Claims made or deliveries that fall on a Bank Holiday
- Any delivery outside of Great Britain including deliveries to the Scottish Islands, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands
- Any delay caused by something outside our control like extreme weather, natural disaster, epidemic or crime.

Please make sure someone is in to sign for the delivery. Your replacement phone comes with:

- Our 24-month warranty on your replacement phone
- The usual phone accessories, if yours were involved in the incident or we provide a different model replacement.
- Prepaid packaging to return your damaged or faulty phone (minus your SIM, battery and charger).

As soon as we settle your claim, your original phone becomes the property of the Insurer. A damaged or faulty phone (and any lost or stolen phone later recovered) must be returned to us within 15 days of your receiving your replacement (or recovering your lost or stolen phone). Otherwise we’ll charge a non-return fee (based on the value of the non-returned device) to the payment card used to pay your excess fee. The phone is your responsibility until it arrives with us so please get proof of postage at the Post Office.

If you don’t send us the original damaged or faulty phone (or lost or stolen phone you later recovered) and we have not been able to charge your card for its value, we will not complete any subsequent claim until
you have returned the phone or paid the outstanding amount.

You must comply with our reasonable instructions including switching off or uninstalling any app which prevents our access to remove data from the claimed-for device. If you need any help with this please call us on 0345 030 3291*. If you refuse to do it we will not proceed with your claim. If you fail to do it we will treat that as a non-return and may charge you a non-return fee.

F. What’s not covered?

We do not offer new for old cover. Your replacement phone may be refurbished to our standard (using original parts only). Our aim is that you will not be able to tell the difference between a new and refurbished phone.

It’s important you understand that you’re not covered for:

- Any phone other than one registered to your Virgin Media contract tariff, replaced by us or replaced under manufacturer warranty
- Any claim if your insurance policy is in arrears - you’ll have to make a catch up payment to complete the claim.
- The excess fee you have to pay to complete a successful claim plus any international delivery costs (see Section A).
- Any third claim or subsequent claim within a 12 month period.
- Any malicious or deliberate damage caused by you or somebody you have authorised to use your phone.
- Accessory-only claims and accessories other than the battery, mains charger and hands-free kit that came with the phone.
- Any calls, data usage or downloads made on a missing phone
- Cosmetic damage (where there is no loss of functionality – except where you are claiming for a cracked screen) and damage caused by wear and tear, repairing or making alterations to the phone or acting against manufacturer guidelines.
- The cost of any repairs to your phone unless instructed by us.
- Any fault that happens within the manufacturer’s warranty period.
- This is the period during which the manufacturer has provided an assurance that your phone will be free from manufacturer faults.
- Any veterinary costs if your pet needs treatment after damaging your phone.
- Any indirect losses from the claim incident which means any consequences you face as a result of being without your phone.
- Loss or corruption of any kind of software or digital content other than standard manufacturer software.
- Confiscation of your phone by a finance company or government agency (such as the police).
- Any claim that we find to be fraudulent.

If you report a claim to us more than 90 days after discovering the loss, theft, fault or damage to your phone, we will still consider your claim, but it may impact our ability to assess your claim and could in some cases result in it being declined.

G. How to cancel your cover

If included as an integrated benefit of your mobile contract, cover ends immediately you change or cancel your tariff. If added as a chargeable extra, you can cancel within the first 28 days and if you haven’t made a claim we’ll refund any premium paid. Otherwise you can cancel at any time and cover will finish at the end of the paid-for period.

We’ll cancel your policy if you fail to pay the monthly premium, have 2 successful claims in any 12 month period, upgrade your phone or cancel your contract with Virgin Media. We may also cancel your policy by providing you with 30 days’ notice, sent to the current contact details we have for you.

H. How to complain

You can call, email or write to us to make a complaint (see Section B). If we can’t resolve your complaint right away, we’ll email or write to you within five working days to outline our next steps. If it’s still not resolved within two weeks, we’ll contact you to explain what’s happening.

If you’re not happy with the outcome or we haven’t given our final response within 8 weeks, you can contact The Financial Ombudsman Service in writing at: Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR or by email at complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk or by phone at 0800 023 4567 (Freephone) or 0300 123 9123.

You’ll need to contact them within 6 months of receiving our final decision about your complaint. The service is free and we are bound by any decision the Financial Ombudsman reaches. This won’t affect your statutory rights or prejudice your right to take subsequent legal proceedings. You can find out more at financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

I. Who provides this cover

This insurance is administered by Asurion Europe Limited (Asurion), which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (no. 502545), registered in England and Wales with company number 6568029 at 272 Guinness Avenue, Chiswick, W4 5DB. The Insurer is Liberty Mutual Insurance Europe Limited, which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority (no. 202205), registered address: 20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AW. Go to tca.org.uk/register or call 0800 111 6782 (freephone) or 0300 500 8082 to check the Financial Services Register.

You are free to choose whether you will apply to this contract. Unless we tell you otherwise, mobile insurance is governed by the law of the part of the United Kingdom that you live in (England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland) and all communication from us will be in English. The parties to this contract are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). In the unlikely event that the parties can’t meet their liabilities you may be entitled to compensation to a maximum of 90% of the claim under this scheme. Further info can be obtained from the FSCS on 0800 678 1100 or at fscs.org.uk.

J. Our use of your personal data

By taking this cover you confirm that you’ve given us your permission to communicate policy information with you by phone, SMS, email or in writing using your given contact details.

In issuing and administering this policy, we will share your personal data with: Virgin Media and other partner companies providing services under this policy to the extent necessary for them to provide those services; Group companies and any third party companies who are purchasers of all or part of Virgin Media or its insurers; Organisations we may use to monitor our performance, carry out research, create statistics and prevent or detect crime; Other third parties to the extent required or permitted by law.

Whenever your personal information is shared with third parties, it will be done in accordance with all responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Our use of your personal data includes, for example, putting in place appropriate written terms to protect your personal information and ensuring any export of your personal information outside the European Economic Area is lawful in accordance with the Act. We will only use the personal information given by you to confirm your identity; administer your policy; contact you about your policy; process claims; carry out internal record keeping; record any claim details on relevant databases and registers for fraud detection purposes; and contact the Police to check any crime reference number you give us.

Asurion is registered with the Information Commissioners Office as a Data Controller (number Z2176995). By providing personal data to us (ie information which can identify you and relates to you, whether by itself or when used in conjunction with other information eg your name, policy number, telephone number and other contact details, we will assume that you consent to this type of information being collected and used in the ways described above (subject to the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998) including for example for fraud prevention purposes and other purposes which commit impose by law or require us to do so. If you wish to withdraw your consent, subject to the above and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, you have the right to see and correct any personal information held about you. A £10 administration fee may be charged for this. If you wish to see your personal information or have any questions about our use of your data, please contact us (see section B).

Your data may be transferred outside the European Economic Area (EEA) for the above purposes. If that happens, we’ll make sure it’s treated with the same level of protection as in the EEA. If you give us your personal information about someone else, you are responsible for having their permission to do so and for telling them who we are and what their information will be used for. We will never sell or transfer your personal data to a third party unless we have your prior written consent. You can check the subject to the above and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

L. Changes to the policy

We may alter the premium or the excess for future periods of cover due to the overall cost of claims exceeding our reasonable estimate and we may alter the terms of the policy or cancel the policy based on our claims experience or for any other good reason. If we make any change that improves your cover, we’ll apply it straight away without notice. If we make a change that increases any charges or reduces your cover, we’ll give you at least 30 days’ notice sent to the current contact details we have for you and you will be able to cancel your policy if you’re not happy with our changes.

*Please note standard charges apply, please check with your network operator for rates