Accidental Death Insurance

Important note:
This is not a life insurance policy.
This insurance provides cover for accidental death only. It does not provide cover for death caused by illness or disease.
How to get in touch

You can write to us at:

Aviva
PO Box 3553
Norwich
NR1 3DA

To make a claim or check progress on a claim call us on 0800 051 5175

Call us as soon as possible between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public and bank holidays).

A claims adviser will register the claim and provide guidance and support. The ‘How to make a claim?’ section explains everything you or the executor(s)/administrator(s) of your estate will need to know.

Alternatively, please email us at: hcpamo@aviva.co.uk

For anything else call us on 0800 158 3993

If you have any questions or want to make any changes to your insurance call us between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public and bank holidays).

Alternatively, you can email us at: paadmin@aviva.co.uk

Please note:
- When writing or sending an email, please help us by quoting your policy number. You can find this on your policy schedule.
- For email correspondence any details you submit will not be secure whilst being submitted.
- Calls to 0800 numbers from UK landlines and mobiles are free.
- For our joint protection telephone calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

Your cancellation rights

You have the statutory right to cancel your insurance within 14 days from the day of purchase or the day on which you receive your policy documentation, whichever is the later.

If you cancel during this period, you are entitled to a full refund of the premium paid. If you have made a claim and then cancel within this period, we will seek to recover any claim payments already made.

To cancel, please call 0800 158 3993 or write to Aviva, PO Box 3553, Norwich, NR1 3DA.

If you don’t cancel in this period, your insurance will continue in force and you must pay the premium.

For your cancellation rights outside the statutory cooling-off period, please see the ‘When this insurance will end’ section.
Your Accidental Death Insurance policy

Thank you for choosing this insurance. This is your policy booklet which sets out the terms of this insurance cover. It tells you all you need to know about your Accidental Death Insurance. Details of the cover you have chosen are shown in your current policy schedule. Please read this policy booklet and your policy schedule and familiarise yourself with the cover provided by this insurance and all the terms, conditions and exclusions that apply. Please keep them in a safe place and make sure a relative or close friend knows where to find them. If any of the details on your current policy schedule are incorrect or you need to advise us of any of the changes listed in the ‘Changes we need to know about’ section, please contact us straightaway and we will send you new policy documents with the correct details.

The contract of insurance

This policy booklet and your policy schedule form the contract of insurance between you and us. Please read them and keep them safe. In return for payment of your premium and subject to the terms, limitations and exclusions of this contract we will pay the benefit shown on your current policy schedule that apply at the time of the insured person’s accident. If any insured persons do not comply with the terms and conditions of the contract of insurance you may not be entitled to make a claim in respect of them.

What this insurance does

If an insured person suffers an accident that directly results in their death this insurance will pay a benefit to their estate. We explain what we mean by ‘accident’ in the ‘What is an accident?’ section of this policy booklet. The details of the cover, terms and conditions and exclusions can be found in the ‘Your cover’ section. We will pay any benefit due regardless of whether the insured person is covered by any other personal accident insurance.

What this insurance does not do

This insurance is not a life insurance policy. It does not provide cover in the event of death caused by illness or disease. Full details of the cover, terms and conditions and exclusions can be found in the ‘Your cover’ section.
What we mean by certain words

Where you see the following words they have the following specific meanings:

‘Accident’ means as set out in the ‘What is an accident?’ section.

‘Doctor’ means a qualified medical practitioner or specialist (other than an insured person or a member of their family).

‘Insured person’ means you, and your partner if cover for partner is shown on your current policy schedule.

‘Partner’ means your marital/civil partner or your partner with whom you live and share financial responsibility.

‘UK’ means England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

‘We’, ‘us’ and ‘our’ means Aviva Insurance Limited.

‘You’ and ‘your’ means the person who has been accepted by us for insurance, has paid or agreed to pay the premiums and is named on the current policy schedule as Policyholder.

What is an accident?

We will only pay a claim when death is the direct result of an accident.

What do we mean by an ‘accident’?

An accident is a single, unexpected, unforeseen and unintentional incident that happens after the start of this insurance and is not a symptom of a disease or illness.

What are you covered for?

If an insured person suffers an accident which directly results in their death, we will pay the benefit shown on your current policy schedule.

Example 1 – accident causing death

Whilst driving Mr Matthews skidded on ice and crashed his car. Unfortunately, Mr Matthews later died due to his injuries caused by the car crash.

After confirming that death was a direct result of an accident and none of the cover exclusions applied Aviva paid the benefit.

Example 2 – death due to an illness

Whilst driving, Mrs Brown suffered a stroke and crashed her car. She was not seriously injured in the accident but unfortunately she did not recover from the stroke and died.

Aviva did not pay the claim because Mrs Brown’s death was a direct result of the stroke not the injuries from the car crash.

Example 3 – illness causing an accident

Whilst driving, Mr Patel suffered a stroke and crashed his car resulting in serious injuries. The medical team confirmed the stroke was quite mild and he could have made a full recovery, however, unfortunately, Mr Patel later died from his injuries caused by the car crash.

After confirming that death was a direct result of an accident and none of the cover exclusions applied Aviva paid the benefit.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this section or would like to talk to us about a specific medical question please call our customer helpline on 0800 158 3993.
Am I eligible for this insurance?
You must make sure you can answer ‘yes’ to all of the following statements at the start of and throughout the period of your insurance.
If you answer ‘no’ to any of the following statements you must contact us straightaway as you are not eligible for this insurance and this may affect entitlement to claim.
- I am aged 18 years or over and under 81 years old
- My main private residence is in the UK

Who can I cover on my insurance?
You can choose to add your partner to your insurance so they can also receive cover (as long as they are eligible and you pay the extra premium). This insurance does not provide cover for children.
For your partner to be eligible for this insurance, entitling you to make a claim in respect of them, you must make sure you can answer ‘yes’ to the following statements at the time they are added to your insurance and throughout the period of your insurance.
If you answer ‘no’ to any of the following statements you must contact us straightaway as they are not eligible for this insurance and you will not be entitled to make a claim.
- Your partner is aged 18 years or over and under 81 years old
- Your partner lives with you and you both share financial responsibility

Changes we need to know about
Keeping your details up to date is really important.
We need to be told whenever any of the following occur:
- Any information on your current policy schedule changes.
- You want to add or remove a partner from your insurance.
- Your main private residence is no longer in the UK.
- Your partner no longer lives with you and/or you no longer share financial responsibility.
- You or your partner reaches age 81.
- An insured person dies.
If you fail to provide complete and accurate information we may:
- cancel your insurance (please see the ‘When this insurance will end’ section for more information);
- refuse to pay any claim; or
- not pay any claim in full or the extent of the cover may be affected.
Your cover

What is covered
We will pay the benefit shown on your current policy schedule if, as a direct result of an accident and independently of any other cause, an insured person dies within 12 months of the accident as a direct result of the injuries sustained.

To help you understand what we mean by an ‘accident’ please refer to the ‘What is an accident?’ section earlier in this policy booklet.

Disappearance
If an insured person disappears and, after looking at all available evidence in respect of their disappearance, we are satisfied that their disappearance can be presumed to be due to their death as the direct result of an accident, we will pay the benefit as shown on your current policy schedule.

What is not covered
1. We will not pay any claim caused by:
   - illness or disease unless this is a direct result of the accident;
   - known side effects where medicines are taken correctly under medical supervision or guidance;
   - medicines taken incorrectly;
   - medicines for treating drug addiction;
   - known risks associated with a medical or surgical procedure.

2. We will not pay any claim resulting from an insured person's:
   - suicide or deliberate self inflicted injury;
   - reckless and deliberate exposure to known danger (except in an attempt to save human life);
   - use of drugs
   - consumption of alcohol to an extent that they suffer mental or physical impairment which causes the accident or results in them doing something they would not normally do without the influence of alcohol;
   - participation in or acting as an accessory to any crime or attempted crime.

3. We will not pay any claim resulting from the insured person being in control of a motor vehicle and:
   - acting in a dangerous or reckless manner; or
   - drink or drug driving.

4. If your claim is in any way dishonest or exaggerated we will not pay any benefit under this insurance or return any premium to you and we may cancel the insurance immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraudulent claim. You will have to return any benefits already paid in relation to the claim. We may also take legal action against you.

5. We will not pay for any consequence whatsoever which is the direct or indirect result of any of the following, or anything connected with any of the following, whether or not such consequence has been contributed to by any other cause or event:
   - war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or a warlike operation or operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power.
   - any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, or in any way relating to, (a) above.

6. We will not pay for any claim directly or indirectly caused by ionising radiation or radioactive contamination from nuclear waste or the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other dangerous properties of explosive nuclear equipment.
How to make a claim

It is important to register the claim as soon as possible by calling 0800 051 5175 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public and bank holidays). Please quote the policy number.

- We will send out a claim form which needs to be completed and returned to us.
- We may also ask for a signed Form of Consent to enable us, where applicable, to contact the insured person's doctor and any hospital which may have treated them.
- Depending on the circumstances of the accident we may also ask for additional contact information, for example if the injury occurred at work we will ask for the insured person's employment details (name and address and payroll number), or if the injury was sustained as a direct result of a crime we will ask for details of the investigating officer.

Supporting information we may request

As well as approaching healthcare and/or other professionals at our own cost, we may request further information or evidence to help us assess and/or validate the claim. If this is required, we may ask the claimant to provide this at their own cost. If the claim is accepted, the claimant must pay for the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration to prove entitlement to receive the funds.

The type of information and evidence we need will depend on the circumstances of the claim. In all cases we will only ask for information which is relevant to the claim, the treatment an insured person received or their previous medical history.

How the claim is paid

Claim benefit payments will be made directly to the executor(s)/administrator(s) of the insured person's estate. This means the policyholder will not automatically receive the claim benefit payment in respect of their partner.

We will ask for Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration to confirm entitlement to receive the payment before releasing the funds. Please see “Supporting information we may request” above.

Payment of premium

The premium is payable monthly and the amount is shown on your current policy schedule. It is due on the first premium due date, as advised to you in ‘Your Direct Debit Instruction Confirmation’ letter, and then on the first working day of each month. If you do not pay the first premium, the insurance will not be valid.

If you fail to pay any premium on the date it is due or, if applicable, when requested later the same month, cover will not be in force from the date the unpaid premium was due, and we will not pay for any claims in relation to an accident which happens after that date. Please see the ‘When this insurance will end’ section for more information on how non-payment of premium affects your insurance.

If the premium is paid later the same month when requested by us, then cover will continue as if it had been paid on the due date.
Changes we can make to premium, cover and/or terms and conditions

1. We can, after taking a fair and reasonable view, make changes to your premium, policy cover and/or terms and conditions of insurance to reflect changes in:
   - our expectation of the future cost of providing cover;
   - our expectation of the future costs of administering your insurance.
   These changes will be notified to you in writing at least 45 days before they become effective. Premiums and/or policy cover may go up or down but we will not recoup past losses. If any change is made we will not make another for at least 12 months.

2. Additionally, we can, at any time and after taking a fair and reasonable view, make changes to:
   - your premium, cover and/or terms and conditions of insurance to reflect changes (affecting us or your insurance) in the law or regulation or the interpretation of law or regulation, or changes in taxation;
   - your cover and/or terms and conditions of insurance to reflect decisions or recommendations of an Ombudsman, regulator or similar person, or any code of practice, with which we intend to comply;
   - your cover and/or terms and conditions of insurance in order to rectify any mistakes that may be discovered or to make your insurance clearer and fairer to you.
   These changes (together with the reasons for such changes) will be notified to you in writing at least 45 days in advance and there is no minimum period between changes.

Please note that you have the right to cancel your insurance at any time by contacting us. The ‘How to get in touch’ section at the beginning of this policy booklet tells you how.

When this insurance will end

The cover provided by this insurance will end immediately in relation to all insured persons if any of the following happen:
   - you reach 81 years of age;
   - your main private residence is no longer in the UK; or
   - you die.

If your insurance ends for any of the reasons above you will be entitled to a refund of any premium paid less a proportionate deduction for the time for which you have been covered.

Your right to cancel

Following the expiry of your 14 day statutory cooling-off period, you continue to have the right to cancel your insurance at any time. If you do so your insurance will continue in force until the end of the period for which you have paid premium and there will be no refund of the premium.

To cancel, please call 0800 158 3993 or write to Aviva. PO Box 3553, Norwich, NR1 3DA.

Our right to cancel

We (or any agent we appoint and who acts with our specific authority) may cancel this insurance where there is a valid reason for doing so, by sending at least seven days written notice to your last known postal and/or e-mail address setting out the reason for cancellation.

Valid reasons include but are not limited to where:
   - our investigations provide evidence of fraud or a serious non-disclosure. In which case, we may cancel the policy immediately and backdate the cancellation to the date of the fraud or when you provided us with incomplete information.
   - we have been unable to collect your premium within 30 days of the due date and, following notification to you of such non-collection, we remain unable to collect the following month’s premium. Your insurance will be cancelled with effect from the date on which the unpaid premium was due.
   - we offer you an equivalent alternative product (which does not disadvantage you). In this event we will give you at least 45 days notice of cancellation; or
   - we no longer provide this product and are not offering an equivalent alternative product. In this event we will give you at least 90 days notice.

If we cancel the insurance under this section, you will be entitled to a refund of the premium paid in respect of the cancelled cover, less a proportionate deduction for the time we have provided such cover, unless the reason for cancellation is fraud. We may at our discretion reinstate your policy should we subsequently be able to collect payments from you.
Complaints procedure

Our Promise of Service
Our goal is to give excellent service to all our customers but we recognise that things do go wrong occasionally. We take all complaints we receive seriously and aim to resolve all our customers’ problems promptly. To ensure that we provide the kind of service you expect we welcome your feedback. We will record and analyse your comments to make sure we continually improve the service we offer.

What will happen if you complain

• We will acknowledge your complaint promptly.
• We aim to resolve all complaints as quickly as possible.

Most of our customers’ concerns can be resolved quickly but occasionally more detailed enquiries are needed. If this is likely, we will contact you with an update within 10 working days of receipt and give you an expected date of response.

What to do if you are unhappy

If you are unhappy with any aspect of the handling of your insurance we would encourage you, in the first instance, to seek resolution by contacting us as follows:

• If your complaint is regarding a claim or anything else you can write to Aviva, PO Box 3553, Norwich, NR1 3DA or telephone 0800 051 5175, and ask your contact to review the problem.

Our opening hours are between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public and bank holidays).
If you are unhappy with the outcome of your complaint you may refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service at:

The Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower,
London
E14 9SR
Telephone:
0800 023 4567 (calls from UK landlines and mobiles are free ) or
0300 123 9123

Or simply log on to their website at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

Whilst we are bound by the decision of the Financial Ombudsman Service, you are not. Following the complaints procedure does not affect your right to take legal action.
General information

This insurance is underwritten by Aviva Insurance Limited.

Our regulatory status

We are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. We are registered as Aviva Insurance Limited, Pitheavlis, Perth, PH2 0NH and our firm’s reference number is 202153.

You may check this information and obtain further information about how the Financial Conduct Authority protects you by visiting their website www.fca.org.uk or by contacting them on 0800 111 6768.

Use of language

Unless otherwise agreed, the contractual terms and conditions and other information relating to this contract will be in English.

Choice of law

The law of England and Wales will apply to this contract unless:

1. you and we agree otherwise; or
2. at the effective date of the contract you are a resident of Scotland or Northern Ireland, in which case (in the absence of agreement to the contrary) the law of that country will apply.

Data Protection – Privacy Notice

Personal Information

We collect and use personal information about you so that we can provide you with a policy that suits your insurance needs. This notice explains the most important aspects of how we use your information but you can get more information about the terms we use and view our full privacy policy at www.aviva.co.uk/privacypolicy or request a copy by writing to us at Aviva, Freepost, Mailing Exclusion Team, Unit 5, Wanlip Road Ind Est, Syston, Leicester LE7 1PD.

The data controller responsible for this personal information is Aviva Insurance Limited as the insurer of the product. Additional controllers include Aviva UK Digital Limited, who is responsible for the sale and distribution of the product and any applicable reinsurers.

Personal information we collect and how we use it

We will use personal information collected from you and obtained from other sources:

• to provide you with insurance: we need this to decide if we can offer insurance to you and if so on what terms and also to administer your policy and handle any claims,

• to support legitimate interests that we have as a business:
  – we need this to manage arrangements we have with reinsurers, for the detection and prevention of fraud,
  – we also use personal information about you to help us better understand our customers and improve our customer engagement. This includes profiling and customer analytics which allows us to make certain predictions and assumptions about your interests, make correlations about our customers to improve our products and to suggest other products which may be relevant or of interest to customers, which includes marketing products and services to you,

• to meet any applicable legal or regulatory obligations: we need this to meet compliance requirements with our regulators (e.g. Financial Conduct Authority), to comply with law enforcement and to manage legal claims, and

• to carry out other activities that are in the public interest: for example we may need to use personal information to carry out anti-money laundering checks.

As well as collecting personal information about you, we may also use personal information about other people, for example family members you wish to insure on a policy. If you are providing information about another person we expect you to ensure that they know you are doing so and are content with their information being provided to us. You might find it helpful to show them this privacy notice and if they have any concerns please contact us in one of the ways described below.

The personal information we collect and use will include name, address, date of birth and financial information. If a claim is made we will also collect personal information about the claim from you and any relevant third parties. We may also need to ask for details relating to the health or any unspent offences or criminal convictions of you or somebody else covered under your policy. We recognise that information about health and offences or criminal convictions is particularly sensitive information. Where appropriate, we will ask for consent to collect and use this information.
If we need consent to use personal information for a specific reason, we will make this clear to you when you complete an application or submit a claim. If you give us consent to using personal information, you are free to withdraw this at any time by contacting us – refer to the “Contacting us” details below. Please note that if consent to use this information is withdrawn we will not be able to continue to process the information you gave us for this/these purpose(s). This would not affect our use of the information where consent is not required.

Of course, you don’t have to provide us with any personal information, but if you don’t provide the information we need we may not be able to proceed with your application or any claim you make.

Some of the information we use as part of this application may be provided to us by a third party. This may include information already held about you within the Aviva group, including details from previous quotes and claims, information we obtain from publicly available records, our trusted third parties and from industry databases, including fraud prevention agencies and databases.

**Credit Searches**

To ensure we have the necessary facts to assess your insurance risk, verify your identity, help prevent fraud and provide you with our best premium and payment options, we may need to obtain information relating to you at quotation, renewal and in certain circumstances where policy amendments are requested. We or our agents may:

- undertake checks against publicly available information (such as electoral roll, county court judgments, bankruptcy orders or repossessions). Similar checks may be made when assessing claims,
- carry out a quotation search from a credit reference agency (CRA) which will appear on your credit report and be visible to other credit providers. It will be clear that this is a quotation search rather than a credit application.

**Automated decision making**

We carry out automated decision making to decide whether we can provide insurance to you and on what terms. In particular, we use an automated underwriting engine to process the personal information you provide as part of this application process. This will include your age and the level of cover you choose. We do this to calculate the insurance risk and how much the cover will cost you. Without this information we are unable to provide a price that is relevant to your individual circumstances and needs. We regularly check the way our underwriting engine works to ensure we are being fair to our customers. After the automatic decision has been made, you have the right to speak to someone from Aviva who may review the decision and provide a more detailed explanation. If you wish to invoke this right please contact us at dataprt@aviva.com or call us on 0800 051 8998.

**On-line information**

When you visit one of our websites, we may record information about your computer or mobile device, including hardware and software used, general location, when and how you interact with our websites. This information is used to note your interest in our websites, improve customer journeys, determine pricing and/or offer you available discounts.

**How we share your personal information with others**

We may share your personal information:

- with the Aviva group, our agents and third parties who provide services to us, and other insurers (either directly or via those acting for the insurer such as loss adjusters or investigators) to help us administer our products and services,
- with regulatory bodies and law enforcement bodies, including the police, e.g. if we are required to do so to comply with a relevant legal or regulatory obligation,
- with other organisations including insurers, public bodies and the police (either directly or using shared databases) for fraud prevention and detection purposes,
- with reinsurers who provide reinsurance services to Aviva and for each other. Reinsurers will use your data to decide whether to provide reinsurance cover, assess and deal with reinsurance claims and to meet legal obligations. They will keep your data for the period necessary for these purposes and may need to disclose it to other companies within their group, their agents and third party service providers, law enforcement and regulatory bodies.

Some of the organisations we share information with may be located outside of the European Economic Area (“EEA”). We’ll always take steps to ensure that any transfer of information outside of Europe is carefully managed to protect your privacy rights. For more information on this please see our Privacy Policy or contact us.

**Marketing**

We also use personal information we hold about you across the Aviva Group to help us identify and tailor products and services that may be of interest to you. We will only communicate with you in accordance with any marketing preferences you have provided to us. We will continue to do this after your policy has ended.
If you wish to amend your marketing preferences, change how you would like us to communicate with you or tell us to stop marketing to you, you can do so in the following ways:

- Update in MyAviva
- Contact us by:
  - phone: 01603 622200 or +44 1603 604999 (from abroad)
  - email: helpdesk@aviva.co.uk
  - Post: Aviva, Freepost, Mailing Exclusion Team, Unit 5, Wanlip Road Ind Est, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1PD

**How long we keep your personal information for**

We maintain a retention policy to ensure we only keep personal information for as long as we reasonably need it for the purposes explained in this notice. We need to keep information for the period necessary to administer your insurance and deal with claims and queries on your policy. We may also need to keep information after our relationship with you has ended, for example to ensure we have an accurate record in the event of any complaints or challenges, carry out relevant fraud checks, or where we are required to do so for legal, regulatory or tax purposes. We will also use this information for marketing purposes.

**Your rights**

You have various rights in relation to your personal information, including the right to request access to your personal information, correct any mistakes on our records, erase or restrict records where they are no longer required, object to use of personal information based on legitimate business interests including profiling and marketing, ask not to be subject to automated decision making if the decision produces legal or other significant effects on you, and data portability. For more details in relation to your rights, including how to exercise them, please see our full privacy policy or contact us – refer to the “Contacting us” details below.

**Contacting us**

If you have any questions about how we use personal information, or if you want to exercise your rights stated above, please contact our Data Protection team by either emailing them at dataprt@aviva.com or writing to the Data Protection Officer, Level 4, Pitheavlis, Perth PH2 0NH.

If you have a complaint or concern about how we use your personal information, please contact us in the first instance and we will attempt to resolve the issue as soon as possible. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office at any time.

**Fraud prevention and detection**

In order to prevent and detect fraud we may at any time:

- share information about you with other organisations and public bodies including the police;
- undertake credit searches and additional fraud searches;
- check and/or file your details with fraud prevention agencies and databases, and if you give us false or inaccurate information and we suspect fraud, we will record this.

We can on request supply further details of the databases we access or contribute to.

**Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

We are members of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from this scheme if we cannot meet our obligations, depending on the type of insurance and the circumstances of your claim. Further information about the scheme is available from the FSCS website www.fscs.org.uk or write to Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU.

**Customers with disabilities**

This policy and other associated documentation is also available in large print, audio and Braille. If you require any of these formats please contact us on 0800 158 3993 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public and bank holidays)

or write to:

Aviva
PO Box 3553
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