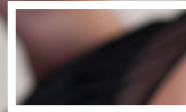


Art and collectible insurance considerations for the sophisticated collector



When it comes to protecting your art or wine collection, jewelry, sports memorabilia, couture accessories, or other collectibles that are most important to you, the right insurance coverage is key. Consider these tips when it comes to protecting your valuables.



Invest in specialized insurance for your collections

A common misconception is that homeowners' insurance policies provide sufficient coverage for valuables such as paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and all types of valuable collectibles. Homeowner's insurance policies often cap the amount provided for valuables at relatively low limits, and often times restrict the types of claims they will cover. Consider investing in an insurance policy specifically built to cover collectibles or valuable articles.



Keep an inventory and updated appraisals

A descriptive inventory of items is important as a supplement to the insurance policy. Keep a list of item descriptions, values, bills of sale, ownership and locations of each item. Consider supplementing this with condition reports and updated appraisals, which the insurance carrier may require either up front to issue the policy or at the time of claim.



Include the broadest coverages

It's important to understand how the collectibles will be covered in the event of a loss. Some carriers offer coverage on an agreed value basis, where the items will be covered for the amount they are insured for. Other carriers offer additional coverage to account for items that may have appreciated in value over time. Also, look for policies that provide generous automatic coverage for any new pieces you acquire during the policy term, as long as you list them on your policy within a certain amount of days of acquiring them.



Ensure you're covered when your pieces move around

Ensure you are investing in broad insurance coverage that will protect your collection on a worldwide basis, especially if you tend to move pieces around. In addition, understand if items will be covered during transit, and if there are any requirements regarding how you can ship and transport items.



Conduct due diligence with storage facilities

If you are planning to store your collectibles in a storage facility, make sure to understand if your insurance company will cover these items while in storage. Also, ensure the storage facility is a reputable one and ask questions about safety, security, and climate control.



Have a disaster plan in place

Especially if a number of collectibles are concentrated in one place, it's good practice to have a pre-emergency plan in place for movement of those items out of harm's way. A number of insurance companies offer services that can assist clients with pre-emergency planning.



Consider these factors when loaning and exhibiting

When considering loaning pieces to a museum, ensure there is a clear understanding of who is responsible for the insurance during the transit to the museum, while on loan, and during the return trip home. Review any language in executed contracts regarding insurance requirements and check with your insurance policy to review any limitations when items are loaned.

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