

## A Summary of Popular Insurance Options

These days you can get insurance cover to protect you against all sorts of eventualities, and many people take out a range of insurance cover in order to safeguard themselves and their loved ones in terms of finances. Insurance is designed to minimise on financial losses to the policyholder under certain circumstances, and for many people insurance cover is an effective way to enjoy peace of mind.

There are many different types of insurance cover available, and there are a great many providers that offer cover. It is always important to do some research and compare different deals when you are looking for insurance cover. You should also make sure that you read through the small print with this cover, as there are be many restrictions and exclusions that may affect you. Finally, make sure that you look at the bigger picture and ensure that the insurance is suitable and adequate for your needs rather than basing your decision purely on price, although price is an important factor and it is worth bearing in mind that the cost of cover can vary widely from one provider to another.

Below is a summary of the some of the most popular insurance types:

**Life insurance:** With life insurance you can ensure peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones, in the knowledge that when you die your loved ones will receive a lump sum, which could prove invaluable to them, especially if you are a main income earner. With this type of cover you can choose from different levels of cover and you can opt for either term life insurance, which covers you for a specified period of time, or whole of life cover, which is a permanent type of life insurance cover.

**Home insurance:** Home insurance is designed to provide financial protection in the event that something happens to the home or to the belongings within the home. There are two sections to this type of cover, and these are buildings cover and contents cover. You can take both of these as a bundle, or you can take them individually. For example, most tenants will not need buildings cover because buildings insurance is usually provided by the landlord, so they will only have to take out contents cover.

**Critical illness insurance:** Many people take critical illness cover out to provide financial stability in the event that they are diagnosed with a critical illness. Of course, some people will go on to recover from a critical illness, but once you have received your payout it is yours to keep even if you do go on to make a full recovery. Make sure that you know what sorts of illnesses are covered by any policy that you arrange.

**Travel insurance:** Anyone that travels abroad needs to take out travel insurance to cover them for things such as loss of belongings, cancellations and delays, and most importantly for medical and emergency treatment should the need arise. There are different levels of travel insurance, and you can choose from single trip policies, annual policies for regular travellers, group travel insurance cover, and more.

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