

your guide to home insurance claims

The claim process can be confusing at times. But it doesn't have to be. This detailed guide simplifies each step, so you can get back to normal as soon as possible.

We're always here for you

You can easily view your claim anytime with your online account at safeco.com/trackclaim. Your Claims Representative is also available every step of the way to answer any questions.

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Creating Your Claim

What we're doing

- We'll review your policy and coverage together and will determine if you're covered for damages to your home and personal items.
- We'll help you choose an emergency service vendor¹ if you need assistance with protecting your home from further damage.
- We'll help you find temporary housing if your home is unlivable.
- We can send you a copy of ***Answers to the Most Common Homeowner Claims Questions***.



What we may need from you

- Take photos or videos to document damages to your home and personal items. Please email this documentation to your Claims Representative. If you have the **Safeco Home Inventory[®] app**, you can export your home inventory file and email it.
- Have water damage? Consider using a Safeco Program Vendor. Our Water Mitigation Unit will coordinate and monitor the process to help get you back to normal faster.¹ We can also send you a copy of our ***Have Water Damage? Benefits of Our Vendor Program***, which outlines the main benefits of using our vendors.

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Reviewing Damage

What we're doing

- We may need to come to your home to complete a thorough review of damages. If possible, we'll complete a review of your home and personal items over the phone, or via video chat with our convenient **RealTime Review™**.
- We'll estimate the costs to repair the damages to your home. To make sure you understand the estimate, we'll send you a copy of ***Understanding Your Property Claim Estimate***.
- We'll estimate the cost to repair or replace any personal items that were damaged. We'll also guide you through repair and replacement options.



What we may need from you

- Send us a detailed list of any personal items that were damaged, including the make, model, age, and condition of each item. Photos, receipts, or manuals for damaged items are also helpful.
- Send us any other important documentation, including estimates from contractors, reports from experts such as plumbers, or receipts for any emergency repairs.



Tap into our online tools to make your claim easier.

- Visit your online account at **safeco.com/trackclaim** to view your claim.
- Email documents directly to your Claims Representative.
- Download our **Safeco Home Inventory® app** from the App Store to quickly and easily create an inventory of your belongings.



Save time with RealTime Review™.

With this video chat feature, your Claims Representative can collect information about your damage in greater detail and settle your claim more quickly.

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Receiving Your Payment

What we're doing



- We'll make sure you completely understand your claim payment, including payment methods, common payment terms, and when you can expect to receive your payment.
- We'll provide a copy of ***Understanding Your Property Claim Payment***.

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Completing Your Claim: Repairs and Depreciation Recovery

What we're doing

- We'll answer any questions you have until you're back to normal.
- We'll review any receipts and, if applicable, refund you the recoverable depreciation, which is the amount initially withheld from your claim payment.
- We'll send you a copy of ***Need a Contractor? We've Got You Covered*** and can recommend a contractor from our network of preferred contractors.¹
- We'll work directly with you and your contractor to reach an agreement on the cost of repairs.



What we may need from you

- Send us any receipts for home repairs and repaired or replaced personal items.
- Select a contractor if you need one. If you don't have a contractor in mind, we can recommend one from our network of preferred contractors.¹
- Call us if your contractor's estimate is higher than the one provided by your Claims Representative. We're here to make sure you don't pay more than you need to.



Additional Remodeling

Want your contractor to do extra work when they're repairing your home?

If so, you are responsible for these increased costs. Your policy only provides payment for the repair/replacement of property that was actually damaged. We can't pay for increased costs or any additional living expenses resulting from additional remodeling or upgrades.

 **Ask** your Claims Representative about our helpful free guides:

- *Answers to the Most Common Homeowner Claims Questions*
- *Have Water Damage? Benefits of Our Vendor Program*
- *Understanding Your Property Claim Estimate*
- *Understanding Your Property Claim Payment*
- *Need a Contractor? We've Got You Covered*
- *Let's Talk About the Drying Process*
- *Understanding the Ins and Outs of Wood Floor Repair*

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