

Church security guidance

The protection of stained glass windows



These notes set out Baptist Insurance's eligibility criteria for a premium discount where churches wish to consider protecting their stained glass windows.

All external windows containing stained, painted or engraved glass must be externally protected by stainless-steel grilles or polycarbonate sheeting which entirely covers the window in order to qualify for a premium discount.

In the case of polycarbonate sheeting, care should be taken to allow for ventilation.

Installation

The installation of such protection is a specialised matter and should only be entrusted to a glazier or builder well experienced in installing such protection and in working on church buildings.

Important notes

It is the responsibility of the party implementing the above specification to ensure that the implementation does not contravene any statutory or Local Authority requirements, e.g. under the Health and Safety at Work Act, Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, etc.

Photographs

It is important to take photographs of all stained glass windows. Although a general shot of a window is helpful, these often do not provide sufficient detail for a stained glass restorer. More detailed photographs are needed. Heads, hands, draperies, landscapes and wildlife elements are the most difficult to replicate. Consider the lighting; ensure that you photograph west windows in the morning and east windows in the afternoon.



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