## **Home Insurance Information Guide**

Be prepared to answer your broker's questions when you decide to take out home insurance. (Don't hesitate to print out this document for reference.)

## 1. Basic questions How long have you lived at this address? Do you currently have home insurance (or have you had it in the last six months)? YES NO If so: Who is your current insurer? How many years have you been continually insured? \_\_\_\_\_ How many units are there in the building? Are there one or more mortgage holders on your home? YES NO How many bathrooms and powder rooms do you have? YES Have you or has anyone living under your roof smoked in the past year? NO Are you a university graduate (bachelor's degree, master's or PhD) or a member of a professional association? YES NO Do you have pets at home? YES NO 2. Details about the building and its immediate surroundings In what year was your new home built? \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a fire hydrant within 300 metres of your home? YES NO Is there a fire station less than 8 km from the home? YES NO What type of building is it? How many floors?



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What are your home's physical dimensions (width, length, height and depth)?		
Is there a garage or carport?	YES	NO
If so, how many parking spaces are there?		
3. Siding, foundations and roof		
What is the exterior siding made of?		
In what year was the roof last done?		
What material is it made of?		
Is the roof sloped or flat?		
Has there been any water seepage into the foundations, windows and/or roof?	YES	NO
Have you noticed cracks in the foundations?	YES	NO
If so, have they been repaired by a professional?	YES	NO
Does your basement have cladding or a finished area?	YES	NO
4. Equipment		
How old is the hot water tank? (If several units, indicate the year of the oldest one)		
Is the plumbing system equipped with a check valve?	YES	NO
Is the plumbing made of galvanized steel or Poly-B?		
Do you have a sump pump in the basement?	YES	NO
If so, will it operate in the event of a power outage?	YES	NO



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Do you have a French drain?	YES	NO
What is the main heating system?		
Do you use another heating system such as a wood stove or an oil or gas furnace?	YES	NO
If so:		
What type is it (oil, gas or solid fuel)?		
How is it used?		
Has the wood stove been installed by a professional or according to the manufacturer's installation standards and is it approved?	YES	NO
Is your home equipped with an alarm system for fire, break-in and water damage?	YES	NO
If so:		
In the case of break-in, is the system connected to a central station?	YES	NO
In the case of fire, is the system connected to a central station or a fire station?	YES	NO
If there is a water alarm, does the system include five detectors and an automatic water shutoff?	YES	NO
5. Leisure add-ons		
Do you have a swimming pool or spa?	YES	NO
Do you have any property that you specifically want to insure such as jewelry, bicycles or collections of one kind or another?	YES	NO

