Home Insurance

Money

Buildings and contents are separate covers, and both are commonly wrong.

Buildings

- The structure itself
- Rebuild cost, not market value
- Required by most mortgage lenders
- Covers fitted kitchens and bathrooms
- Land value is not included

Contents

- Everything you would take with you
- Estimated by room-by-room total
- Single-item limits apply
- High-value items need specifying
- Away-from-home cover is often extra

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Underinsurance triggers averaging: insure for half the correct value and a claim may be reduced by half, even for a small loss.

General education. Walk each room once a year and update the figure — most people underestimate contents substantially.