

Home Inventory

Practical skills

Recording what you own, and why it matters after a loss.

The single most useful thing to do before a claim, not after.

1

Photograph every room

Wide shots, then open cupboards and drawers.

2

Photograph serial numbers

Electronics, appliances, bicycles, tools.

3

Keep receipts for high-value items

Digitally. Paper receipts fade.

4

Store the record off-site

Cloud storage. A record destroyed with the house helps nobody.

5

Update annually

And after any significant purchase.

ALSO USEFUL FOR

Checking contents insurance is adequate

Police reports after a burglary

Proving ownership of recovered items

Most people underestimate their contents value substantially. A room-by-room walk usually doubles the estimate.