

This Guide to Benefit describes the benefit in effect as of 4/1/10. This benefit and description supersedes any prior benefit and description you may have received earlier. Please read and retain for your records. Your eligibility is determined by the date your financial institution enrolled your account in the benefit.

Your Visa Card Guide to Benefit



# Purchase Security

For questions about your balance, call the customer service number on your Visa statement.

## What is this Purchase Security benefit?

Within the first ninety (90) days of the date of purchase, Purchase Security will, at the Benefit Administrator's discretion, replace, repair, or reimburse you for eligible items of personal property purchased entirely with your eligible Visa card up to a maximum of \$500 per claim and \$50,000 per cardholder,\* in the event of theft, damage due to fire, vandalism, accidentally discharged water, or certain weather conditions.

## Who is eligible for this benefit?

To be eligible for this benefit, you must be a valid cardholder of an eligible U.S.-issued Visa card.

## What items are covered by Purchase Security?

Your eligible purchases are protected against damage due to the following:

- Fire, smoke, explosion, riot, or vandalism.
- Windstorm, lightning, hail, rain, sleet, or snow.
- Aircraft, spacecraft, or other vehicles.
- Theft (except from autos or motorized vehicles).
- Accidental discharge of water or steam from household plumbing.
- Sudden accidental damage from electric current. (This benefit does not apply to electronic components.)

## What items are **not** covered?

- Animals and living plants.
- Antiques and collectible items.
- Boats, aircraft, automobiles, and any other motorized vehicles and their motors, equipment, or accessories including trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle.
- Broken items, unless damage is the result of a covered occurrence.
- Computer software.
- Items damaged as a result of weather other than lightning, wind, hail, rain, sleet, or snow.
- Items purchased for resale, professional, or commercial use.
- Items stolen from automobiles and other vehicles, or common carriers.
- Items that are lost or that mysteriously disappear. "Mysterious disappearance" means the vanishing of an item in an unexplained manner where there is an absence of evidence of a wrongful act by a person or persons.
- Items under the care and control of a common carrier (including U.S. Postal Service, airplanes, or delivery service).
- Items including, but not limited to, jewelry and watches from baggage unless hand-carried and under your personal supervision, or under the supervision of your traveling companion who is previously known to you.
- Losses resulting from abuse, fraud, hostilities of any kind (including, but not limited to, war, invasion, rebellion, insurrection, or terrorist activities), confiscation by the authorities, risks of contraband, illegal activities, normal wear and tear, flood, earthquake, radioactive contamination, or damage from inherent product defects.
- Losses resulting from misdelivery or voluntary parting with property.
- Medical equipment.
- Perishables, consumables including, but not limited to, perfumes and cosmetics, and limited-life items such as rechargeable batteries.
- Real estate and items which are intended to become part of real estate including, but not limited to, items that are hard-wired or hard-plumbed, garage doors, garage door openers, and ceiling fans.

- Rented or leased items, or items purchased on an installment plan and for which the entire purchase price was not paid in full at the time of the occurrence.
- Traveler's checks, cash, tickets, credit or debit cards, and any other negotiable instruments.
- Used or pre-owned items.

## Are gifts covered?

Yes, as long as you purchased the gift entirely with your eligible Visa card and it meets the terms and conditions of the benefit.

## Are purchases made outside the U.S. covered?

Yes, as long as you, the eligible cardholder, purchased the item entirely with your eligible Visa card and the eligible item meets the terms and conditions of the benefit.

## Do I need to register my purchases?

No. Your eligible purchases are automatically covered.

## Do I need to keep copies of receipts or any other records?

Yes. If you want to file a claim, you will need copies of your Visa card receipt and your store receipt.

## How do I file a claim?

Call the Benefit Administrator at **1-800-553-4820** or collect at 0-410-581-9994 within sixty (60) days of loss or damage. **Please note: if you do not give such notice within sixty (60) days after the loss or damage your claim may be denied.** The Customer Service Representative will ask you for some preliminary claim information and send you the appropriate claim form. **This claim form must be completed, signed, and returned with all the requested documentation within ninety (90) days from the date of loss or damage.**

Gift recipients of eligible items may also handle the claim process if you wish. However, the gift recipient must provide all the documents necessary to fully substantiate the claim.

For faster filing, submit your claim online. It's easy, convenient, and available at no extra cost to eligible Visa cardholders. To submit your claim and learn more about Visa Purchase Security, go to the Visa Purchase Security Claim Center at [www.visa.com/eclaims](http://www.visa.com/eclaims).

## What documents do I need to submit with my claim?

- Your completed and signed claim form.
- Your Visa card receipt.
- The itemized store receipt.
- A police report (**made within 48 hours of the occurrence in the case of theft**), fire, insurance claim, or loss report, or other report sufficient to determine eligibility for benefits.
- A copy of your insurance declaration page, when applicable.
- Documentation (if available) of any other settlement of the loss.
- Any other documentation deemed necessary to substantiate your claim.

All claims must be fully substantiated as to the time, place, cause, and amount of damage or theft. In most cases you will be asked to send, **at your expense**, the damaged item to substantiate a claim. Retain the item in the event it is requested by the Benefit Administrator.

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### How will I be reimbursed?

Depending on the nature and circumstances of the incident, **the Benefit Administrator, at its discretion**, may choose to discharge your claim in either of two ways:

1. A damaged item (whether wholly or in part) may be repaired, rebuilt, or replaced. A stolen item may be replaced. If the item is to be repaired, rebuilt, or replaced, you will be notified of the decision within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the required proof of theft/damage documentation.
2. You may be reimbursed for the eligible item, but not more than the original purchase price of the covered item as recorded on your eligible Visa card receipt, less handling and shipping charges, up to a maximum of \$500.00 per claim occurrence.\*

Under normal circumstances, reimbursement will take place within five (5) business days of receipt and approval of all required documents.

In either case, the Benefit Administrator's payment, replacement, or repair made in good faith will fulfill the obligation under the benefit.

### Do I have to file with my insurance company?

Yes, if you have insurance applicable to the damaged or stolen item (e.g. business owner's, homeowner's, renter's, or automobile) or if you are covered by your employer's insurance for such losses, you are required to file a claim with your own insurance company and to submit a copy of any claim settlement from your insurance company along with your claim form.\* In some cases, at the option of the Benefit Administrator, where the claim amount is within your personal insurance deductible, a copy of your personal insurance policy declaration page may be sufficient.\*

\* **NOTE: Purchase Security provides coverage on an "excess" coverage basis. That means it does not duplicate, but pays in excess of any valid and collectible insurance or indemnity (including, but not limited to, homeowner's, renter's, automobile, or employer's insurance policies).**

After all insurance or indemnity has been exhausted, Purchase Security will cover the loss up to the amount charged to your eligible Visa account and subject to the terms, exclusions, and limits of liability of the benefit. Purchase Security will also pay for the outstanding deductible portion of your insurance or indemnity for eligible claims. The maximum limit of liability is \$500.00 per claim occurrence and \$50,000 per cardholder. You will receive no more than the purchase price as recorded on the eligible Visa card receipt. Where a protected item is part of a pair or a set, you will receive no more than the value (as described herein) of the particular part or parts, stolen or damaged, regardless of any special value that the item may have as part of such a pair or set, nor more than the proportionate part of an aggregate purchase price of such pair or set. Purchase Security is not "contributing" insurance, and this "non-contribution" provision shall take precedence over "non-contribution" provisions found in insurance or indemnity descriptions, policies, or contracts.

**Additional Provisions for Purchase Security:** This protection provides benefits only to you, the eligible Visa cardholder, and to whomever receives the eligible gifts you purchase entirely with your eligible Visa card.

You shall use due diligence and do all things reasonable to avoid or diminish any loss or damage to property protected by this benefit. This provision will not be unreasonably applied to avoid claims.

If you make any claim knowing it to be false or fraudulent in any respect including, but not limited to, the cost of repair services, no coverage shall exist for such claim and your benefits may be canceled. Each cardholder agrees that representations regarding claims will be accurate and complete. Any and all relevant provisions shall be void in any case of fraud, intentional concealment, or misrepresentation of material fact by the cardholder.

Once you report a claim, a claim file will be opened and shall remain open for six (6) months from the date of the damage or theft. No payment will be made on a claim that is not completely substantiated in the manner required by the Benefit Administrator within six (6) months of the date of damage, theft, or product failure.

After the Benefit Administrator has paid your claim, all your rights and remedies against any party in respect of this loss or damage will be transferred to the Benefit Administrator to the extent of the payment made to you. You must give the Benefit Administrator all assistance as may reasonably be required to secure all rights and remedies.

No legal action for a claim may be brought against us until sixty (60) days after we receive Proof of Loss. No legal action against us may be brought more than two (2) years after the time for giving Proof of Loss. Further, no legal action may be brought against us unless all the terms of this Guide to Benefit have been complied with fully.

This benefit is provided to eligible Visa cardholders at no additional cost. The terms and conditions contained in this Guide to Benefit may be modified by subsequent endorsements. Modifications to the terms and conditions may be provided via additional Guide to Benefit mailings, statement inserts, or statement messages. The benefit described in this Guide to Benefit will not apply to Visa cardholders whose accounts have been suspended or canceled.

Termination dates may vary by financial institutions. Visa and/or your financial institution can cancel or non-renew the benefit for eligible Visa cardholders, and if we do, we will notify you at least 30 days in advance. This information is a description of the benefit provided to you as a Visa cardholder. It is insured by Indemnity Insurance Company of North America.

For general questions regarding this benefit, call the Benefit Administrator at 1-800-553-4820 or collect at 0-410-581-9994.

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