

## Construction insurance

**Mr Bernasconi plans to build a house and has the following question:**

why would you take out insurance for a house under construction?

**Ivano Piffaretti, expert in private and SME clients at ASSIDU SA replies:**

Unfortunately there are a number of problems which could arise before the construction is complete: damage to the construction or surrounding area, disputes with workers.

Adequate construction cover:

- insures all the construction work and materials for the project as well as the debris removal costs, damage re-search costs, demolition and reconstruction,
- pays in advance the liability insurer indemnifications, thus avoiding any delays in construction or disputes on the construction site,
- insures all the parties involved in the construction: buyers, planners, contractors and workers,
- insures against losses following construction accidents, vandalism and theft.

The cover can also be extended to include fire risks and natural perils, otherwise separate cover can be obtained for this purpose.

Third parties not directly involved with the project can also suffer losses, i.e. because of cracks or other damage to the next building; also other persons may suffer losses associated with the building site.

Adequate liability cover for the buyer offers protection from the following:

- claims for personal injury and material loss and the ensuing financial consequences,
- losses resulting from construction work, even when you are not directly responsible (causal responsibility),
- defence against unjustified claims,
- the cover can also be extended to pure patrimonial losses (not resulting from personal injury or material loss).

Our advisors will be pleased to assist you when making your choice.