

Home Inventory



Suggestions for Your Inventory

Proof of purchase or a current, detailed inventory is important when filing an insurance claim after a loss. The following form may be helpful in creating a permanent record of your personal belongings.

- Record serial numbers of small appliances and other theft-prone items.
- Keep receipts along with the description of the item.
- If doing a video inventory, start in one corner of the room and work your way around until the whole room has been covered.
- A detailed record of antiques, jewelry, silver, major appliances and collector's items is very important.
- Keep your inventory up-to-date -- be sure to add new items as you purchase them.
- Photographs may be the best way to record your belongings. To prepare this kind of inventory, follow these easy guidelines:
 - Any point-and-shoot camera will do.
 - Make sure pictures and videos are dated and that items shown are accompanied by written records of when the item was purchased and possibly where purchased and purchase price.
 - To get the overall picture, take wide-angle shots of the entire room, then several close-ups to capture details.
 - Focus your flash away from mirrors and other reflective surfaces by standing at a 45° angle to the shiny surface.
 - A family member in the picture helps substantiate ownership. Open closet doors to indicate quantity of clothing.
 - Remember to take pictures of the inside of drawers with the contents fanned out.
 - Use non-glare dark cloth as a backdrop for silver, china or jewelry and try to avoid using a flash.
 - Take a picture of the pattern name or manufacturers signature of your china, along with a picture of the pattern.
 - Don't forget to inventory closets, the attic, the basement and the garage.
 - Be sure to include sporting goods.
 - Don't forget to include power tools and detailed photos of the inside of any toolboxes, drawers or storage sheds.

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