

Do you Value your Assets?



Accurate asset values are critical to insurance, as it can mean the difference between you recovering from a major loss or going out of business.

Yet, recent studies suggest that the largest area of risk that is overlooked is ensuring that the insurance values match the risk of a major loss.

The importance of correct asset values and correct insurance values is critical, and without accurate and up-to-date valuations, the business and your livelihood are severely exposed with the true impact of this under insurance often only experienced when there is a large loss.

When setting the sum insured, the important consideration is to ensure that the insurance limits are enough to financially allow you to return to the same financial position you were in prior to the loss.

Additional factors to consider, which are often missed, over and above the reinstatement cost include:

- Temporary make safe works
- Fire extinguishment costs
- Removal of debris
- Architects / Surveyors fees to redesign the works
- Extra costs of reinstatement (i.e. requirements to meet increased green energy rating)
- Escalation allowances for price increases
- Claims Preparation costs

We recommend the engagement of professional valuer's to review the current and replacement value of your assets, and suggest that a three-to-five yearly valuation cycle is implemented, remembering to adjust insured values for growth and inflation in the intervening years.

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