



Protecting Your Fine Art and Collectibles

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As a collector, you may find that you have acquired more pieces than you can adequately display. In order to preserve the quality of the additional pieces, you will need to store them properly. Here are several tips for appropriately storing your collection:

- Wrap each piece in brown paper to protect it from light, mould and insects, and then encase in bubble wrap to protect it from damage.
- Store framed pieces vertically to reduce build-up.
- Keep your pieces in a location where temperature and humidity is controlled.

Enjoy Your Art Collection for Generations

Collections of fine art and other collectibles can be an expression of the owner's passions and interests. If collectors want their items—and by extension their image—to shine and impress for many generations to come, they should consider purchasing fine art and collectibles insurance. Such insurance policies, along with ensuring that each piece is properly cared for, help protect the collection and retain its value for the future.

Depending on the variety of your collection, you have two options for insuring the entire lot. If you have a large collection, but each piece is valued under £10,000, you can insure the entire collection with a blanket policy. If your collection is composed of several high-value pieces, you may benefit more from insuring each piece individually. Regardless of how you choose to insure your collection, follow these best practices to help preserve its value.

Adding to Your Collection

To protect the value of the new pieces you procure for your collection, ensure that you review this information before purchasing them:

- The note of sale, which should list the name of the gallery, the artist, the name of the piece, its value and any other relevant information
- A letter of authenticity
- The history of the piece, such as who previously owned it
- Previous appraisal records, if available

Staying Prim and Proper

To ensure that each of your pieces retains its quality, follow this easy guidance on maintenance and display:

- Store pieces in temperature-controlled, archival-quality containers.
- Display pieces away from direct sunlight in temperature-and humidity-controlled rooms.
- Clean with a dry, soft brush or low-power vacuum—never apply cleaning solutions directly to the pieces.

Providing Security for Your Collection

In order to ensure that you receive the appropriate cover amount for your collection, have each piece appraised before purchasing insurance. Fine art and collectibles insurance may include the following:

- Cover for physical loss or damage, including transit risks
- The option to repurchase a stolen piece after it has been recovered
- Compensation for loss of value if a piece was damaged during restoration
- Bespoke basis cover (eg agreed value, market value and restoration/theft recover)

To learn more about how to best insure your fine art and collectibles, contact Robison & Co Ltd at 01730265500 today.

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