Personal property coverage, a standard component of renters insurance, may help cover the cost of replacing your stuff if it’s unexpectedly damaged or destroyed. This protection generally applies to certain risks (also referred to as “perils”), such as fire, according to the Insurance Information Institute. For example, if your furniture and equipment are destroyed by a fire, this coverage may help you pay for the cost of replacing them. However, remember that coverage limits — the maximum amount your policy will pay for personal property losses — will apply.

Does Renters Insurance Cover Theft?

If your renters insurance policy includes personal property coverage, it may help pay to replace your stolen items. This coverage typically protects items stolen after a break-in at your rental property, or even items stolen outside of your rental. For example, if your personal property (such as a laptop computer) is stolen from your car, the personal property coverage in your renters policy may help pay to replace it.

Keep in mind that personal property coverage is usually subject to a deductible. This means you’d have to pay a certain amount of money toward the covered item’s repair or replacement before your insurer will help pay for the loss.

Be sure to read your insurance policy carefully to understand what may or may not be covered.