

PROTECT YOUR LAPTOP AGAINST ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE

It goes without saying that laptops are easily damaged. They have sensitive components and manufacturers are always looking to reduce weight, which can make them less robust.

But there are ways to minimise this risk. Here are a few ideas to help you protect your laptop.

CAUSES OF DAMAGE

The most common causes of damage to laptops are as follows:

1. Dropping while carrying
2. Tripping over cables causing the laptop to fall on the floor
3. Liquid spills
4. Items left on keyboard when lid closed

COST OF DAMAGE

The average claim for laptop repair after accidental damage is in excess of \$600. Screens alone can cost up to \$1,200 to replace. Laptops are expensive to repair, and labour costs are increasing every year.

PREVENTING ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE

We deal with over 3,500 claims every year – based on our experience here are some tips to prevent accidental damage:

1. When carrying your laptop always close it. Screen damage is very common if laptops are dropped while open.
2. If carrying the laptop any distance use the carry bag as this provides protection in case of dropping or knocking.
3. Never run with your laptop.
4. When the laptop is at a table or on a desk, always ensure the cables are well out of the way to avoid tripping.
5. Think twice before you shut the screen. It's easy to leave pens etc on the keyboard and these can create significant damage.
6. Don't drink anywhere near a laptop, or carry with water bottles etc. Liquid spills can lead to large repair / replacement bills.

INSURANCE

Of course, accidents happen and laptops are also susceptible to theft. It is estimated that a laptop is stolen every 10 minutes in Australia (see the separate "theft" brochure on our website).

Protecsure* offers a specialist insurance product that protects your equipment anywhere in Australia, and even overseas for 28 days per trip (extendable). Cover periods are from 6 months to 3 years. The cover is broad and protects against theft, accidental damage, fire and even loss in transit.

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