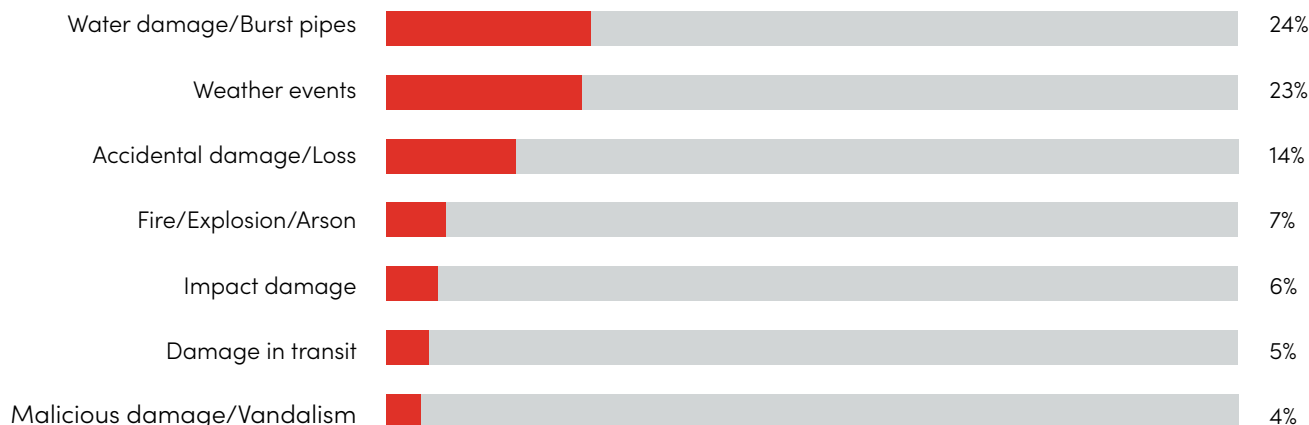


# Accommodation claims

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## Most common claims for Accommodation businesses



Source: Vero New Zealand Claims 2019–2024

### Water damage/Burst pipes

Damage caused by leakage or overflow of water from plumbing systems, heating, air conditioning, and refrigerating systems. Water escaping from plant, equipment and appliances and water ingress due to blocked gutters and drains.

### Weather events

Damage/loss caused by flood, hail, lightning, snow, storms and wind. This also includes storm surge.

### Accidental damage/Loss

Damage, loss or loss of function resulting from a sudden, unintended and unforeseen one-off incident that harms property or its contents.

### Fire/Explosion/Arson

Losses caused by a fire starting accidentally, or being set maliciously or deliberately and losses caused by explosions (the production of heat, light, noise and a shock wave) for example caused by chemical reactions, gas or fluid over-pressure or ignited gasses.

### Impact damage

Damage to property caused by collisions, falling objects etc. For example a vehicle colliding with a fence, building or canopy, trees, branches, a transport container or other goods falling onto property.

### Damage in transit

Damage to property while it is being transported from one location to another as part of your business activity.

### Malicious damage/Vandalism

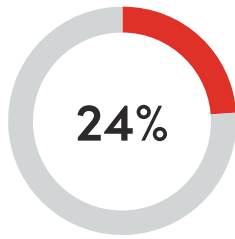
Malicious damage is damage caused to insured property which is deliberate and intentional e.g. damage caused by a disgruntled employee. Vandalism is damage caused simply for the sake of causing damage e.g. graffiti or tagging.

**Keep in mind** that things like fire – while it may have a lower claims frequency – can be equally, if not more, devastating. That's why the Vero Risk guides cover a wide range of business risks by industry.

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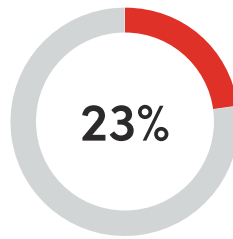
## Top 3 causes of loss for Accommodation businesses



### Water damage/Burst pipes

Water damage can cause major disruption to a business and result in extensive damage to the building, fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment. Also, the combination of water and electricity can pose a fire risk. The good news is, with regular checks and a proper plan, the risks can be significantly reduced.

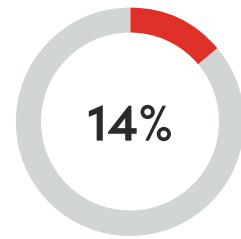
- Know where the water shut off valves are
- Maintain the building so that it's water tight – floor, walls and roof
- Check gutters, downpipes and yard drains for blockages
- Inspect plumbing, water pipes and waste lines for leaks, damage or corrosion
- Check hot water cylinders, under-sink plumbing regularly for leaks.



### Weather events

We all know how changeable NZ weather can be. From storms and high winds to hail, snow and lightning – these events can all cause damage to property. You can reduce these risks by:

- Ensuring your building is well maintained and weathertight
- Making sure gutters and yard drains are kept clear
- Checking overhanging branches and nearby trees
- Securing outside stock, plant and equipment
- Clearing snow from roofs and gutters (if safe to do so).



### Accidental damage/Loss

Accidents happen. But knowing the risks can protect property, equipment and people. You can reduce them by:

- Having a risk-aware culture at your workplace
- Doing regular maintenance checks
- Training your staff
- Introducing clear operating procedures.



### Working together to manage business risk

Check out the Vero Risk guides to help identify and manage typical business risks. Focusing on a range of industries and occupations, they provide useful information to help keep your business running and team safe. [www.vero.co.nz/risk-profiler](http://www.vero.co.nz/risk-profiler)

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