

## **The Yoga-Link/Care-Sure schemes are written on a 'Claims-Made' basis**

### **What does this mean?**

There are two primary forms of liability insurance policies – 'Claims-Made' and 'Claims-Occurring' policies. Most professional liability insurance is written on a 'Claims-Made' basis.

You are insured on a 'Claims-Made' basis with a retroactive date. This means that you are covered for any incidents that occurred during the period of insurance with Yoga-Link/Care-Sure, underwritten by Novae Insurance Company Ltd, providing there has been no break in cover and providing you are not aware of any incidents that may give rise to a claim before you held insurance with us.

A 'Claims-Made' policy covers claims reported during the policy term, provided the event occurred after the effective date of the first policy issued. An earlier 'retroactive' date may be specified in the policy to cover acts occurring prior to the original effective date.

Under a 'Claims-Made' policy, a claim is not covered if it is made in a policy year following the occurrence unless the 'Claims-Made' coverage continues in force. If it does not, 'run-off' cover must be purchased to cover any residual claims reported later.

### **How might this affect me?**

It is important that you maintain continuity of cover by renewing promptly. Failure to do so can mean that cover is lapsed. Even though it can be reinstated later, you would then have a new 'retroactive' date in line with the date of reinstatement, meaning that cover for previous year/s is lost.

Whereas a claim might be expected to materialize relatively soon after the event that triggered it, there is still a very real risk that an incident might not get reported for a few months for a genuine reason.

***If cover has lapsed in the interim you cannot backdate it once it's gone!***