

Commercial lines (buildings & contents insurance)

Peril	Compulsory cover	Standard cover	Optional/ additional cover	Market penetration
Windstorm			✓	NA
Hailstorm			✓	NA
Lightning — direct hit		✓		NA
Lightning — surge		✓		NA
River flooding			✓	NA
Overflow of stagnant waters			✓	NA
Torrential rain			✓	NA
Storm surge			✓	NA
Earthquake	✓			NA
Snow pressure			✓	NA
Avalanche				
Frost				
Landslide	✓			
Subsidence				
Collapsing sinkhole				
Volcanic eruption				
Meteor strike		✓		NA
Tsunami				

Individual lines (buildings & contents insurance)

Peril	Compulsory cover	Standard cover	Optional/ additional cover	Market penetration
Windstorm			✓	NA
Hailstorm			✓	NA
Lightning — direct hit		✓		50%
Lightning — surge		✓		50%
River flooding	✓			5%
Overflow of stagnant waters			✓	NA
Torrential rain			✓	NA
Storm surge			✓	NA
Earthquake	✓			5%
Snow pressure			✓	NA
Avalanche				
Frost				
Landslide	✓			
Subsidence				
Collapsing sinkhole				
Volcanic eruption				
Meteor strike		✓		50%
Tsunami				

Tariffs, deductibles and risk prevention	<p>Until the adoption of a new law in 2024 (see "State intervention" section, below), insurance cover for most perils was optional for both commercial and individual lines. However, coverage for certain perils (such as lightning – both in the case of a direct hit or a surge - and meteor strike) is typically included in standard basic fire insurance policies. The tariffs are set by individual insurers and are therefore subject to market competition. The extent to which policyholders have implemented prevention measures can influence the premiums.</p> <p>Under the new law adopted in 2024, businesses (large and small) are requested to have mandatory coverage for earthquakes, landslides, and floods.</p>
Sales, underwriting and claims processes	<p>The sales, underwriting and claims processes are handled by insurers.</p>
State intervention	<p>Italy's 2024 Budget Law mandates that all businesses with a permanent establishment in the country secure catastrophic natural event insurance covering floods, earthquakes, and landslides by 31 December 2024. The law also provides an obligation to contract for insurance companies, imposing strict penalties on insurers who fail to do so, with fines ranging from €100 000 to €500 000. To support insurers, the law introduced a reinsurance mechanism through public reinsurer SACE S.p.A., allocating €15 billion over three years to mitigate large-scale disaster risks. Detailed implementation will follow in a forthcoming Ministerial Decree.</p>