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Chinese Drywall Damage is Covered by your Property Insurance

Chicago, IL – The latest product from mainland China to be attracting attention is drywall. Installed between 2004 and 2005, Chinese drywall is damaging homes and buildings throughout the country.

The exact mechanism by which the drywall causes damage is not yet known. What is known is that a reaction occurs when some level of moisture contacts the drywall, causing it to smell of sulfur and damage appliances, wiring and pipes. The damage is hidden in the walls for the unsuspecting property owner to discover later.

The response to the damage has been typical and reminiscent of the mold phenomenon. Lawyers and experts are joining the fray to determine whether the drywall actually injures people. Lawsuits filed in Ft. Myers, Florida as well as numerous individual actions, have been filed against the main supplier, Banner Supply.

There will be some coverage for the damage under most standard “all risk” insurance policies. This is not being addressed. All risk insurance covers all non-excluded damage to property no matter how it occurs. All you need is some type of damage to recover your losses.

However, if you are affected, it’s not as simple as picking up the phone and calling your insurance agent or insurance company to report the damage. You will likely be told damage resulting from Chinese drywall is excluded under your insurance policy. They will try to get you to make a comment resulting in no coverage when you report your damage. Possible exclusions used by insurance companies today will be wear and tear, pollution and defective materials or construction. Your agent and your insurance company will tell you to join the others attempting to recover from the manufacturers, distributors and installers instead of investigating and paying for this covered loss. Do not be misled. Childress Duffy and Goldblatt, Ltd. can help.

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