

Owner's Title Policy Comparison

Features and Covered Risks	Standard Owner's Policy	ALTA Homeowner's Policy*
One-time payment for coverage for as long as you own the property (and for your heirs or trust beneficiaries)	Ô	Ô
Clerical or recording errors in legal documents affecting title, including, but not limited to, improperly executed documents	Ê	Ô
Liens on your title from prior to your purchase (i.e. mortgages, tax liens, judgments)	Ê	Ê
Someone claims rights affecting your title because of defects prior to your purchase, such as: forgery or fraud, faulty powers of attorney, undue influence on or mental incompetence of grantor, misinterpreted wills or trusts, or undisclosed heirs.	Ô	Ô
No legal access to the land or someone has a right to limit use of the land	Ô	Ê
Encroachments & boundary line disputes that would be disclosed by a survey	Ô	ê
Mechanic's liens (from unpaid work on the property)	Ô	ê
Policy coverage increases 10% per year up to 150%		ê
Relocation expenses if you cannot use your home due to a policy claim		ê
Forced removal of existing structure(s) due to encroachments (except for walls/fences)		ê
A taxing authority assesses additional taxes not previously assessed before the policy date, because of improvements or change in ownership/use before the policy date		Ô
Unable to sell, build, or obtain a mortgage due to a subdivision law violation		ê
Zoning issues or missing building permits prior to your purchase that force you to remove or make modifications to your existing structure		Ô
Unable to use as residence due to existing zoning law violation		Ê
Forced removal of building(s) due to existing restriction violation		ê
Your neighbor builds structures (other than boundary walls/fences) after the policy date that encroach onto your land		Ô
Someone tries to enforce a discriminatory covenant, condition, or restriction		Ê
Parties in possession of the property not disclosed by the public record		Ê
Taxes, special assessments, or easements not shown as liens in the public record		ê

*Typically costs 10% more than the Standard Owner's Policy

Some coverages are subject to deductible and maximum liability. Refer to your policy for exact conditions.

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