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The average student takes possessions worth more than £6,000 with them to university, a survey shows.

Students have belongings worth an average of £6,044 with them while they are studying, with expensive items ranging from laptops and mobile phones to musical instruments and clothes, according to insurer Endsleigh.

Musical instruments are the most expensive items students take with them to university, costing an average of £689 each, followed by laptops at £641, desktop computers at £595 and clothes at £476.

But while only one in four students has a musical instrument, 81% have a laptop.

Despite the high value of possessions that students own, 41% do not have contents insurance, with four out of 10 of these people claiming it is too expensive and 30% saying they did not think the risk of theft was great enough to justify having it.

A further 16% of people thought they were covered by their parents' home insurance policy.

Students are also dramatically underestimating the value of their possessions, with people thinking their belongings are worth an average of just £3,211.

Endsleigh spokesperson Rhiannon Harris said: "Students are taking a lot of expensive possessions with them to university now and many of these items, such as laptops, MP3 players and mobile phones, are an easy target for thieves."

Opinionpanel Research questioned 1,000 current students and university applicants.

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