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## Where does replacement cost come from for patron billing?

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### Question

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### Answer

Alma looks first in the item record for replacement cost, then (if no price is listed in item) uses the Lost Item Replacement Fee from the associated TOU.

### Additional Information

Note that Voyager works the same way as Alma in this regard -- Voyager takes the replacement cost from the Price field on the item record, then (if Price is null) looks at the Circ Policy Matrix Definitions for the Lost Item Replacement Fee.

- The item has a replacement fee (Replacement Cost) and:
  - the policy is set to **None** – result: the item's replacement fee is applied.
  - the policy is set to **Other**, **Value** is set to a value greater than zero – result: the item's replacement fee is applied.
  - the policy is set to **Other**, **Value** is set to 0 – result: no fee is applied.
- The item does NOT have a replacement fee (Replacement Cost) and:
  - the policy is set to **None** – result: no fee is applied.
  - the policy is set to **Other**, **Value** is set to a value greater than zero – result: the policy fee is applied.
  - the policy is set to **Other**, **Value** is set to 0 – result: no fee is applied.

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