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BUSINESS INSURANCE ESSENTIALS

Understanding Coverage Types, Needs vs. Wants, Self-Insurance, Key Employee, and Cyber

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Purpose & Scope of Business Insurance

Risk Transfer and Protection
Insurance transfers financial risks from businesses to carriers, enabling stability and protection against major losses.

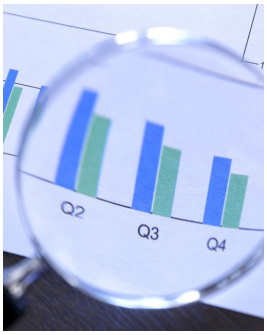
Business Continuity Support
Business insurance ensures operations can resume after losses by covering physical damage and income interruptions.

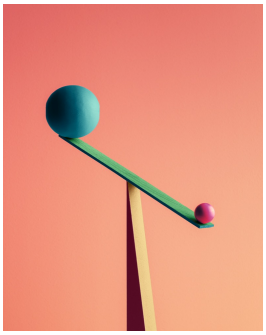
Legal and Contractual Compliance
Insurance meets legal requirements and contract mandates such as workers compensation and liability coverages.

Customized Coverage Needs
Insurance coverage varies by industry, size, and risk, tailored to specific business exposures and growth strategies.

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Risk Management Basics for Businesses









Risk Identification and Categories
Risk management starts with identifying risks across operational, financial, legal, human, and technological areas.

Risk Evaluation Process
Evaluate the likelihood and severity of risks to prioritize management efforts effectively

Response Strategies
Businesses respond to risks using avoidance, mitigation, transfer, or acceptance methods.

Ongoing Risk Management
Risk management is continuous, requiring regular reviews as business environments and risks evolve.

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Overview of Common Business Insurance Categories

Property Insurance
Protects physical business assets like buildings, equipment, and inventory from fire, theft, or vandalism risks.

Liability Insurance
Covers third-party claims including bodily injury, property damage, and professional errors or omissions.

Workers Compensation
Provides medical benefits and wage replacement for employees injured at work while limiting employer lawsuits.

Specialized and Excess Policies
Includes commercial auto, cyber insurance, umbrella policies, and key employee insurance for unique risks.

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Why Insurance Decisions are Strategic, Not Just Administrative

Strategic Business Impact

Insurance decisions influence financial resilience and growth opportunities, going beyond routine administrative tasks.

Balancing Coverage & Costs

Underinsuring risks large expenses; overinsuring strains budgets without proportional benefit.

Stakeholder Confidence

Adequate insurance signals professionalism, enhancing lender, investor, and client trust.

Data-Driven Risk Management

Using insurance data like claims history helps improve operations and reduce risks.

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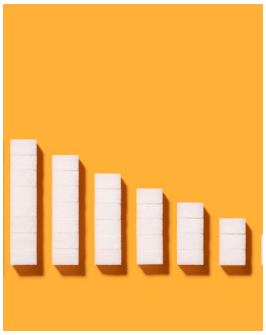
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Core Insurance Coverages Explained

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Property Insurance & Business Interruption









Protection of Physical Assets
Property insurance covers buildings, equipment, inventory, and outdoor assets against losses like fire, theft, and vandalism.

Accurate Valuation Importance
Correct asset valuation is vital to avoid penalties and ensure sufficient claim payments after losses.

Business Interruption Coverage
Business interruption insurance reimburses lost profits and ongoing expenses during operational shutdowns caused by covered losses.

Extra Expense Coverage
Extra expense coverage pays for temporary solutions like renting alternate spaces to resume business quickly.

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General Liability & Professional Liability

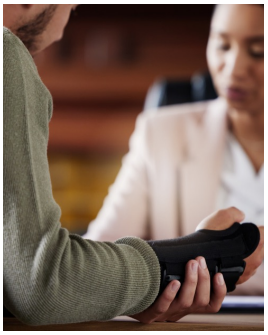
General Liability Coverage
Protects businesses from claims involving bodily injury, property damage, and advertising injury to third parties.

Professional Liability Coverage
Covers financial losses from professional mistakes, negligence, or failure to perform promised services.

Policy Distinction Importance
Understanding differences prevents coverage gaps and ensures protection against both physical and financial claims.

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Workers Compensation Insurance



Coverage and Benefits
Workers compensation covers medical expenses, wage replacement, rehabilitation, and death benefits for work-related injuries or illnesses.



Legal Protection & Compliance
Employees waive the right to sue; states mandate coverage with penalties for noncompliance, protecting both parties legally.



Cost Influencing Factors
Premium costs depend on industry risk, payroll size, claims history, and safety practices, with higher risks in construction and manufacturing.



Safety Programs & Employee Support
Effective safety programs reduce claims and costs, while workers compensation supports morale and recovery with prompt care and income support.

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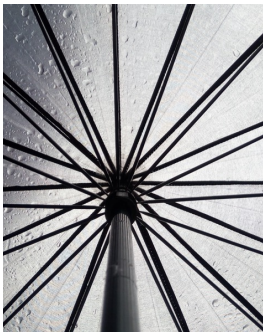
Commercial Auto & Umbrella Liability



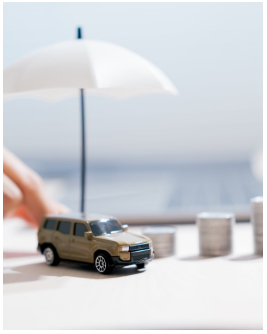
Commercial Auto Insurance Coverage
Covers company-owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles used for business activities, protecting against auto accidents.



Risks of Auto Accidents
Auto accidents represent frequent, severe claims causing bodily injury and property damage affecting business finances.



Umbrella Liability Insurance
Provides additional liability limits beyond primary policies to protect businesses from large claims and lawsuits.



Financial Protection Role
Together, commercial auto and umbrella insurance protect business assets from catastrophic financial losses.

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Evaluating Needs, Wants, & Self-insurance

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Distinguishing Insurance Needs from Wants

01 Defining Insurance Needs

Insurance needs cover legally required or essential protections against high-severity business risks.

02 Understanding Insurance Wants

Insurance wants are optional coverages that provide convenience but are not critical for all businesses.

03 Balancing Budget & Risk

Businesses must balance coverage costs with risk tolerance based on size and financial capacity.

04 Evaluating Loss Impact

Assessing potential loss impact helps prioritize necessary coverages over non-essential ones.

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Understanding Self-Insurance Concepts

Definition and Forms
Self-insurance means retaining risk instead of transferring it, including higher deductibles and self-funded plans.

Advantages of Self-Insurance
It offers cost control and flexible claims management by reducing premiums and insurer overhead.

Risks and Requirements
Requires strong financial discipline, reserves, and can strain cash flow with unexpected large losses.

Suitability and Use
Common in large organizations; smaller businesses use deductibles or captive arrangements to participate.

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Advantages & Disadvantages of Self-Insurance

Cost Savings Potential
Self-insurance can lead to cost savings when losses are lower than expected, improving overall cash flow.

Control Over Claims
Businesses maintain control of claims decisions, allowing for tailored risk management and faster responses.

Exposure to Large Losses
Self-insurance exposes businesses to significant financial risks from unexpected large claims without proper planning.

Administrative Challenges
Administrative complexity and regulatory requirements can pose challenges for businesses adopting self-insurance.

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Blended Approaches to Risk Financing

Combination of Insurance Methods

Blended risk financing combines traditional insurance with self-insurance components like higher deductibles and captive insurance.

Risk Retention & Transfer

These approaches allow businesses to retain manageable risks while transferring catastrophic exposures to insurers.

Customization & Flexibility

Blended strategies offer flexibility tailored to a company's financial strength and risk appetite

Effective Implementation

Successful application requires analysis, monitoring, and collaboration with insurance and financial advisors.

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People & Technology Risks

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Key Employee (Key Person) Insurance Fundamentals

Purpose of Key Employee Insurance

Protects businesses financially against the loss of critical individuals vital to operations and success.

Coverage & Beneficiary

Typically life or disability insurance with the business as beneficiary to secure financial stability.

Uses of Insurance Proceeds

Funds help cover lost revenue, recruit replacements, and stabilize cash flow during transitions.

Identifying Key Employees

Assessment focuses on those difficult to replace whose absence significantly impacts business performance.

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Structuring & Valuing Key Employee Coverage

Evaluating Coverage Amounts
Assess financial contribution, replacement costs, lost profits, recruitment, and training expenses to value coverage.

Policy Structuring Considerations
Review policy ownership, beneficiary designations, and tax implications with legal and financial advisors.

Importance of Disability Coverage
Disability coverage protects against financial disruption caused by long-term employee disability, often more impactful than death.

Periodic Coverage Review
Regularly update coverage amounts as business grows or employee roles change to maintain adequate protection.

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Cyber Risk Landscape for Modern Businesses

Common Cyber Incidents

Data breaches, ransomware, phishing, and outages are the main cyber threats businesses face today.

Vulnerable Business Targets

Small and mid-sized businesses are often targeted due to weaker security and resource limitations.

Consequences of Cyber Events

Cyber incidents cause financial loss, reputational damage, regulatory fines, and lost customer trust.

Risk Management Strategies

Effective protection includes prevention controls and financial risk transfer through insurance.

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Cyber Insurance Coverage and Claim Scenarios

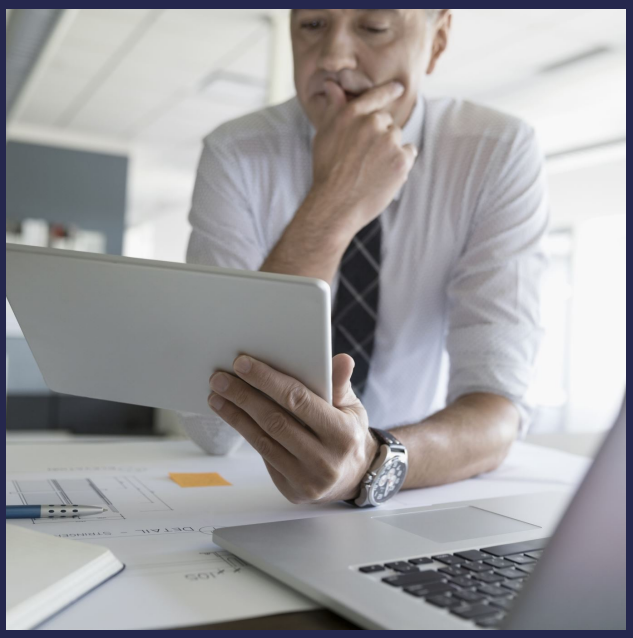
First-Party Coverage
First-party coverage protects against direct losses like data restoration, business interruption, and ransomware payments.

Third-Party Coverage
Third-party coverage handles claims from customers or partners affected by breaches including legal defense and settlements.

Real-World Claim Scenarios
Phishing attacks causing fraudulent transfers and data breaches exposing customer information illustrate common claim scenarios.

Specialized Response Teams
Cyber policies provide access to forensic investigators and legal counsel, reducing recovery time after incidents.

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Building & Maintaining the Right Insurance Program

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Designing a Comprehensive Coverage Program

Thorough Risk Assessment

Start by reviewing business operations, assets, revenue streams, contracts, and past losses.

Integrated Insurance Policies

Combine property, liability, and cyber coverage to avoid gaps and overlaps in protection.

Expert Advisor Collaboration

Work with experienced advisors to translate complex risks into tailored coverage solutions.

Optimal Coverage Focus

Aim for coverage aligned with organizational strategy and risk tolerance, not just maximum coverage.

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Decision Framework for Insurance Selection

Risk Identification

Begin by identifying all potential risks that the business may face in its operations.

Legal & Contractual Requirements

Determine relevant legal and contractual insurance requirements that must be fulfilled.

Financial Capacity & Risk Tolerance

Assess financial capacity and risk tolerance to decide on insuring or mitigating risks.

Coverage Evaluation

Evaluate insurance coverage options based on cost, limits, and exclusions to make informed choices

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Common Insurance Mistakes to Avoid



Underinsurance and Policy Updates

Underinsuring property values and failing to update policies after personal or business growth are common costly mistakes.



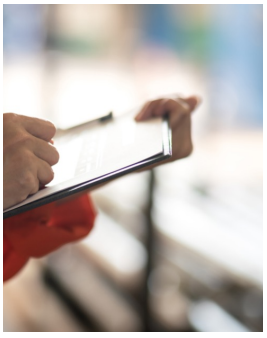
Overlooking Emerging Risks

Ignoring new risks like cyber threats leaves individuals and businesses vulnerable to unexpected damages.



Misunderstanding Coverage Scope

Assuming personal insurance covers business activities, especially auto use, can lead to denied claims and financial loss.



Importance of Regular Reviews

Frequent policy evaluations and advisor communication are key to preventing surprises during insurance claims.

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Key Takeaways & Ongoing Review

Evolving Insurance Strategy
Business insurance must evolve with the organization to remain effective and relevant over time.

Core Coverage Understanding
Clearly understand core insurance coverages to differentiate essential needs from optional wants.

Risk Management Focus
Address risks related to people, technology, and regulatory changes to protect the business effectively.

Regular Policy Reviews
Conduct regular reviews to ensure insurance aligns with current operations and emerging threats.

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