

# **Business Insurance**

# **Public Liability**

- Covers your business against accidents to members of the public
- Covers your business against damage to property that occurs as a result of negligence

# Covers any related legal costs

Normally linked to employers' liability insurance in policies for small businesses.

# **Employers Liability**

- Covers all your employees' injuries caused as a result of their duties
- You are obliged to take this out as soon as you employ someone
- Exempt if you are the only employee, or your employees are members of your direct family (unless a limited company)
- By law you must have at least £5 Million cover
- You must display a certificate of employers liability insurance where employees can see it, and keep it for 40 years
- You Can be fined up to £2,500 for any day that you are without suitable insurance
- Please visit employers liability insurance(compulsory insurance)

#### **Business use of Vehicles**

- All vehicles which are used on road must be insured for minimum 3rd party liability and must include business use as part of their cover
- Your vehicle in many cases is your business
- No vehicle.... No Business!
- 3rd party only covers cost of damage to other people's vehicles or property and their personal injury.
- Fully comprehensive cover will also pay for your own vehicles' repairs
- Keep you in business!
- If employees use their own vehicles for business purposes, you must ensure that their own policy includes business use.
- Should you have an accident and fail to inform your insurance company that your vehicle is used for business could invalidate any claim you make

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# **Business Interruption**

- Business interruption insurance (consequential loss insurance) protects your income and overheads
- Opportunity for compensation for extra costs incurred and trading profits lost if your business suffers serious disruption after, for example, a fire
- Up to 12 months interruption cover
- If damage could increase cost of working, you can claim
- Removal costs
- Temporary premises
- Increased rent and rates, provided covered by policy

### **Goods in Transit**

- If you shift large amounts of stock around, this will give you extra protection from accidents or theft.
- If your stock is limited a loss could be disastrous

# Stock & Equipment

- If like many businesses you rely on computers or any kind of machinery you might consider a policy that covers breakdown or malfunction, and even general servicing and maintenance.
- Some things must be regularly inspected by qualified engineers, including lifts and central heating boilers.

#### **Stock Protection**

If you hold stock on the premises insurers will generally allow you to choose how much stock to cover and it will be protected against fire, flood and theft etc.

### Money

It is vital that you are realistic when considering the likely amount of cash that you will carry on your person, as well as on your business premises

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### **Health & Accident**

- Every business is legally obliged to make sure employees and customers are not harmed in any way by the actions of trading.
- It's vital to get this right. If someone falls ill or has an accident as a result of something your business has done, it will cause real heartache and stress for you, plus could cost your business a huge amount of cash.

## These are the health and safety basics you should not ignore

- Assess the risks
- Write a policy
- Register your premises
- Ensure comfort & cleanliness at work
- Record accidents and illness
- Review regularly
- Please visit HSE: Information about health and safety at work

### **Key Man Insurance**

- Pays a benefit to the business if a key employee is lost through death or incapacity that would result in financial hardship to the business
- Cover can be purchased to buy Insurance if income ceases unexpectedly
- Accident
- Sickness
- Critical illness
- Mortgage or Loan protection to cover periods when you cannot work

# **Professional Indemnity**

- Businesses can be sued for damages over a wide range of complaints, from financial advisers giving poor advice, to surveyors failing to spot a serious flaw in a property.
- Professional indemnity insurance (PI) provides protection against any action by clients who believe you were negligent or gave poor service, as a result of which they have incurred losses.
- Basically, anyone who supplies advice or services, such as consultancy should consider professional indemnity insurance.

Please note that we always recommend that you seek the advice of a professional insurance broker when considering business insurance

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