



# "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda" What Business Owners Need to Know About Insurance

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## **Businesses Need to be Disaster Ready**

#### Natural disasters produce enormous business losses.

- Superstorm Sandy in 2012: \$18.8 billion in non-flood insured losses. Businesses accounted for 46.7 percent of the losses.
- Average commercial claim: \$44,500, compared to \$6,500 for homeowners.
- Only 35 percent of small businesses had business interruption coverage in 2007\*.

Source: National Foundation of Independent Businesses.

## **Basics of a Business Owner's Policy**

#### What is Covered

#### Property insurance for buildings and contents.

- There are 2 forms, Standard and Special, and the Special Form provides more comprehensive coverage.
- Coverage includes debris removal, pollutant cleanup, fire department charges, mechanical breakdown, etc.

#### Business Interruption Insurance.

 Covers loss of income from fire or other perils that disrupt the operation of the business. It can also include the extra expense of operating out of a temporary site.

#### Liability protection.

 Covers your company's legal responsibility for harm caused to others.

#### **Basics of a Business Owner's Policy**

- What is NOT Covered under a Business Owner's Policy
  - Professional Liability.
  - Auto Insurance.
  - Worker's Compensation.
  - Health or Disability Insurance.
  - Flood insurance

AND, you can get coverage for these with separate insurance policies.

#### **About Commercial Flood Insurance**

- According to the National Flood Insurance Program, at least 25% of businesses that close after an event like a flood never reopen.
- From 2010-2014 the average commercial flood claim amounted to nearly \$89,000.
- A flood policy from the NFIP covers up to \$500,000 in building coverage and \$500,000 for contents.
  - Cost for above ground property:
    - \$2,938 building + contents/\$965 contents only

### Replacement Cost vs Actual Cash Value

**Replacement Cost:** This coverage pays the cost of replacing your property without deducting for depreciation.

Actual Cash Value (ACV): Insurance pays the cost of damaged property after deducting for depreciation.

**EXAMPLE:** You paid \$2,000 for a computer five years ago. ACV would pay only its current value, maybe about \$500.

#### **Commercial Auto Insurance**

#### What It Protects Against:

- Liability.
- No-fault Medical Payments.
- Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists.
- Collision.
- Comprehensive Physical Damage.

Almost every business needs it, even companies that don't own autos --- because you may want this protection on non-owned vehicles for liability coverage.

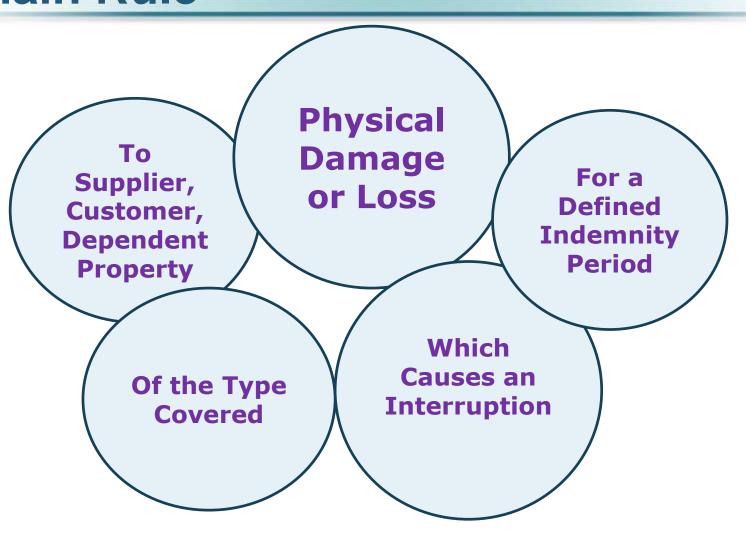
**REMINDER:** Insurance pays for legal defense costs.

## **Business Interruption Coverage**

- Covers operating expenses and compensates for lost income after a temporary closure due to a covered loss.
- It typically requires direct physical damage to the property.
  - Contingent Business Interruption Coverage:
    - Compensates for certain losses you may have if a main customer or supplier was impacted.

## **Contingent Business Interruption Chain Rule**





**Insured Loss** 

## **Liability Insurance: Professional & Product**

- General Liability: Offers basic protection against accidents and injuries; also protects against product liability.
- Product Liability: Protects against costs of judgements, settlements and legal fees arising from damages or alleged damages caused by a faulty or defective product.
  - Manufacturer, seller and even the wholesaler may need it.
- **Professional Liability**: Protects against the financial effects of professions such as engineers, lawyers, accountants, financial advisers, etc.

## **Key Person Insurance**



- Life and disability coverage on key individuals.
- Amount of coverage depends on the individual's worth to the business or organization.
  - A review of the employee's responsibilities can help determine the amount.
- Costs are based on the same factors that apply to anyone seeking such coverage, i.e., age, height/weight, medical history.
- The business owns the policy, pays the premiums and is the beneficiary.



#### **Supply Chain Risk Management**



The longer the supply chain the greater likelihood of a weak link.

## Global, Intertwined Economy



- Over 50% of Fortune 500 profit now comes from overseas.
- Supply chains have become more complex, extending to multiple levels.
- Demographic change has placed more business in harm's way.
- Catastrophe events are having deeper, widespread impact.

## How to Manage Supply Chain Disruptions



#### Identification of Risk

- Conduct thorough supply chain mapping exercise.
- Look at processes as they come together to create final products.
- Look in reverse: starting with where profits are generated and work backwards to identify greatest financial threats.

#### Avoidance

Remove the threat of exposure to the supply chain.

#### Mitigation

Reduce the threat associated with exposures.

#### Manage

Includes transfer of risk through insurance.

## **Managing Risk**



The majority of property loss is preventable, even in supply chains.

"Nearly 90 percent of firms do not conduct a risk assessment when outsourcing production."

> "Supply Chain Risk: It's Time to Measure It" Harvard Business Review Blog, Feb. 5, 2010

## Avoid or Mitigate the Interruption Till



- Understand your supply chain at every tier.
  - Identify weaknesses. Map business operations and overlay it with financial mapping and a business impact analysis.
- Harden facilities, owned or otherwise.
- Define acceptable risk.
- Create contingency and disaster plans.
- Insurance professional are part of the team of trusted risk advisers.

## **Keeping Ahead of Risk**



- Insurance is part of the solution.
- ■Insurance products evolve, so keep in tune.
  - Traditionally, coverage is for physical damage, business interruption and contingent coverage.
- Business interruption has two levels:
  - Gross earnings (Production-based).
  - Gross profits (Sales-based).

## The Challenge: Risk



You can outsource operations, but that doesn't mean you are outsourcing risk.









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