Business Basics

Insuring Your Home Business

(NAPSA)—If you have a home business, did you know that most homeowners insurance policies don't protect all your business assets?

Sure, standard homeowners insurance may provide some protection for business equipment, but coverage varies and it may not be enough. In addition, your homeowners policy won't cover your business if a customer or supplier is injured on your property or while using your product. To protect yourself and your home business:

- See if you can add an endorsement to your homeowners policy. Your insurer may offer one that could add property coverage and some limited liability coverage.
- Purchase in-home business insurance policies. Some insurers offer specific in-home business insurance policies with some of the same features as larger commercial policies but with lower policy limits and at a lower premium. For example, if you have to shut down your business because of damage to your house, the inhome policy will cover the income the business loses and ongoing expenses, such as payroll, for up to one year.
- Get a business owners policy. Many insurers offer policies combining property insurance, business interruption service and liability insurance.

Using Your Vehicle For Business?

Think again. Your personal auto insurance policy covers your vehicle for personal use but may not cover business use. All vehicles used primarily to conduct business must be protected with commercial auto insurance, generally a combination of bodily injury, property damage, collision and comprehensive coverage.



Choosing the right insurance products can save home business owners time, trouble and money.

Are You Hiring?

Business is booming and you may have just decided to hire. Most states require that you have workers' compensation insurance. And it's likely the most complex insurance coverage, so make sure you check with the state department or work with an insurance agent familiar with your state regulations to determine the best solution for you.

More Is Often Better

Depending on your assets, you may want to consider the additional protection of an umbrella liability policy. It provides extra protection that takes effect when lawsuit-related costs exceed an auto or general liability policy's limits. You can get the coverage you need now and increase your limits as your company grows.

How Do You Choose?

A sound business plan includes insurance coverage that provides the protection you need today yet can easily expand to grow with the changing needs of your home business. Visit www.wellsfargo.com/insurance or call an agent at (866) 860-3030 to learn more.