

DO I NEED PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE?



Who is Public Liability Insurance for?

Public Liability insurance is designed to cover businesses against claims brought against them, where injury, damage or loss are caused to a third party by their business practices.

If your business involves any kind of contact with the general public - either in the form of clients, customers or passers-by, at your business' location or even elsewhere - then you should strongly consider being covered.

Many businesses benefit from the peace of mind cover gives them, including:



Sole Traders/Self Employed

Partnerships

**Limited Liability Companies
(either with one or multiple directors)**

Is cover always necessary?

If you come into contact with the public, then Public Liability insurance gives you not only peace of mind for your business, but means you won't have to incur the legal costs and medical expenses should a claim be made against your business.

However - while it is not necessarily a legal requirement, some public sector contracts such as government or regulatory bodies will require a minimum level of cover in order to take the contract on.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE -

while not a legal requirement in most cases - is strongly recommended, particularly if you come into either direct or indirect contact with the general public

**YOU SHOULD
ALWAYS WEIGH UP
THE COST OF COVER
AGAINST THE COST OF
A POTENTIAL CLAIM
AGAINST YOUR
BUSINESS**



Without cover, if a claim is made against your business, **you would be expected to pay legal fees**, as well as any **compensation to the claimant for loss of earnings** as a result of the incident. You would also need to **compensate the third party in question for any damage to their property**.

How much cover would I need?

The level of cover you need will depend on a number of factors, such as the **size of your business**, the **type of trade you are in** and **how much risk** your business activities are likely to pose to the general public.

An incident does not necessarily have to occur on your business' premises for you to be liable. If injury, loss or damage is caused due to activities carried out by your business, no matter where it happens, you could be held accountable.



Having a claim brought against you when you do not have cover could cost you valuable time and money, meaning it could **cost you future clients/contracts** and potentially even **cost you your business entirely**.



**THE LEVEL OF
COVER AVAILABLE
IS TYPICALLY
£1M, £2M, £5M
OR £10M**

IS NOT BEING COVERED REALLY WORTH RISKING YOUR BUSINESS?

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