WITH A COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA POLICY, YOU ARE COVERED IF THE LIMITS UNDER YOUR PRIMARY POLICY ARE USED UP. YOUR ASSETS, AS WELL AS YOUR FUTURE EARNINGS, ARE PROTECTED.

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Why do I need a commercial umbrella policy?

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A commercial umbrella policy could protect your company against excess liability judgments for loss, injury, or even death caused by neglect. It is designed to provide liability protection over and above the insurance policies you currently have.

Jury awards and out-of-court settlements routinely run into the hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars. Add to this the cost of legal fees and the expense becomes staggering. An unexpected catastrophe could result in a large judgment against your company. Without adequate protections, your company’s current assets could be placed in serious jeopardy.

Expect the Unexpected

How well protected is your business from paying a large liability loss?

The following events did happen and could happen to you:

- An electrician came into contact with a live wire at a construction site and suffered traumatic brain injury, allegedly the result of the electrical contractor’s negligent work.
  SETTLEMENT: $2,900,000

- A restaurant waitress was killed in an auto accident due to being intoxicated by alcohol provided by her employer.
  PLAINTIFF VERDICT: $3,776,691

Source: LexisNexis

Why does my company need more insurance?

You may say, “We have auto insurance and general liability coverage. That should be sufficient. Why would we need an umbrella policy?” In today’s society, lawsuits are occurring with alarming frequency, and monetary awards can be staggering. Your current insurance will protect your company against a minor misfortune—but it may not give you all the protection you need. The cost of an umbrella policy is not a lot compared to the financial impact a potential catastrophic loss could have on your business.

How much insurance is enough?

Not that many years ago, Commercial Umbrella coverage was a specialty product for insureds of larger sizes or higher hazards. Now companies of all sizes and industries recognize the need for extra protection against liabilities.

To ensure that you’re protected against the unknown, resetting liability policy limits can be as critical as reallocating invested assets.

You likely have liability coverage—auto, general and/or employer’s. In the event of an accident, these will give your company protection for both bodily injury and property damage or both—but only up to the policy limit. Beyond that, you would be responsible for paying the excess amount for which you are liable.

The amount of umbrella insurance that is right for you depends on a variety of factors. Your type of business, number of employees and amount of assets are all important considerations. Talk to your agent about the umbrella needs of your business so you can decide how much is enough for you.

Added Features

Besides providing increased liability limits, a commercial umbrella policy gives you these additional benefits:

- You are protected against claims that may not be covered by your underlying policies for package, auto liability and/or watercraft liability.
- You are covered anywhere in the world.
- You are covered for defense costs and attorneys’ fees associated with claims against you that are covered by your commercial umbrella policy but not by your primary policies. These expenses are paid in addition to your policy limit.