

HOW MUCH PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE DO I NEED?



THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE NEEDED will largely be determined by the amount of risk your business poses to the general public and will depend on various factors and circumstances

How do I measure the risk level of my business?

The amount of Public Liability cover you would need for your business will depend on your circumstances and will be different for everyone. Some examples of this would include:



The nature of your business and the equipment you may use on a regular basis



The size of your business and what your turnover is



How much contact/exposure you have to the general public in your day-to-day business activities



Your previous public liability claims record will also determine how risky your business is perceived

What level of cover is available?

As everyone's individual circumstances vary, Public Liability insurance usually spans a wide range - typically anywhere from **£1M** up to **£10M**.

The most common levels of cover for tradespeople are £1M, £2M, £5M and £10M.

As part of their contracts, some trade associations, as well as government and regulatory bodies will specify a MINIMUM LEVEL OF COVER

Will I really need to be covered?

If you have any contact with the general public, be they clients, customers or even just passers-by, then it is strongly recommended.

While it is not a legal requirement to have Public Liability insurance, whether you operate as a **Sole Trader**, **Partnership** or even as a **Limited Liability Company**, it is highly regarded as good business sense to cover yourself so you are protected in the unfortunate event of an accident caused by your business practices.



If you work with **HEIGHTS** (for example with ladders or scaffolding) your business may be perceived as being high risk, where falling objects such as tools or masonry would potentially pose a threat to a third party's safety - which could in turn lead to hefty medical expenses on behalf of the claimant.



Working with **HEAT** can also be considered high risk in the eyes of insurers. Public Liability insurance will cover your business in the event of any damage to a client/customer's property if damage was incurred by actions undertaken by your business.



Businesses that deal with **WATER** are also on the higher end of the risk scale. With Public Liability insurance, factors such as a claimant's loss of earnings due to having to take time off work in order to take care of water damage caused by your business practices would be covered, so you don't have to personally foot the bill for repairs/replacements.

IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT OF WHAT LEVEL OF COVER IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR BUSINESS YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR INDUSTRY'S TRADING BODY

IT IS CRUCIAL TO ASSESS YOUR BUSINESS' LEVEL OF RISK REGULARLY TO ENSURE YOU ARE TOTALLY COVERED!

