

In-Home Businesses – Part Five

Many different activities are routinely run out of homes. This discussion reviews aspects of particular operations. See part one for background information on coverage basics as well as the other parts discussing different businesses.

Retail - Persons with in-home retail operations must look beyond an HO policy for coverage.

The Businessowners policy provides broad coverages for buildings, personal property, loss of business income and extra expenses incurred to remain in business (after a fire or other covered cause of loss), premises liability and medical payments. If you have more than \$1,000 of goods in transit, you will need to add additional coverage. Goods stored at other locations must be added to the policy, normally as an additional location.

You will need workers compensation coverage for any employee - even part timers. You may need commercial automobile insurance if you deliver anything or if your vehicle is larger than a car, van or small pickup or if the vehicle is owned by a corporation.

Wholesale - As a wholesaler, here are some coverage options for your consideration:

Businessowners Policy - If you are a manufacturer's representative with limited inventory, some insurance companies will cover your business with the Businessowners policy, commonly called a BOP. The BOP provides broad coverage for buildings, personal property, loss of business income, extra expense incurred to remain in business (after a fire or other covered cause of loss), premises liability and medical payments.

If you have more than \$1,000 of goods off-premises in transit, you will need to add additional coverage. Coverage for goods stored at other locations must be added to the policy.

Commercial Package Policy - If you cannot qualify for a Businessowners policy, your agent will probably have to build a special commercial package policy to meet your needs. You will need a competent commercial lines agent to help you. Commercial lines agents have both the expertise to design the appropriate coverage and the markets for your wholesale business.

Workers Compensation - You will need workers compensation coverage for any employee - even part timers.

Commercial Auto Policy - You may need commercial automobile insurance if you deliver anything or if your vehicle is larger than a car, van or small pickup, or if the vehicle is owned by a corporation.

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