

## In-Home Businesses – Part Nine

---

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.

### Repair: Auto, Bicycle, Boat, Tractors, Furniture, etc.

Don't expect your homeowners policy to give you coverage. Repair businesses work on personal property belonging to others. Your business probably will need to be insured by the individually designed commercial package policy or similar specialty form. Coverage for inventory, repair machinery, property of others, business income coverage after a fire or other covered cause of loss, and premises and products liability coverage can be built into your policy.

Look for a company that will write your size business. Make sure you consider the impact of products liability claims, coverage for goods that you are working on that belong to others whether at your business, in transit, at another processor or at your customer's 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.

Work on autos will require an Auto Garage liability policy for the on-premises bodily injury, and Garagekeepers liability coverage to protect you against claims for damage to customer vehicles.

### Racing: Car, Boat, Motorcycle, RV, Truck, etc.

If you are involved in racing vehicles or craft and, especially if you operate a business in building, servicing or repairing vehicles or craft from your home, you can not rely on your homeowners policy for either liability or property coverage.

Coverage for damage to actual equipment that is raced is seldom covered. You will want to check with your agent or your racing association for coverage for shop equipment, portable tools, travel trailers and other equipment related to your racing hobby or business. You will also need liability coverage or, at a minimum, be sure that the racetrack has spectator liability coverage that applies to your race participation, including practices.

Racing Repair Business - Your business may need to be insured by an custom designed commercial package policy that may need to include coverage for inventory, repair machinery, property of others, business interruption, workers compensation (even for part-time employees) and premises and products liability

It's critical to identify if you need coverage against products liability claims that can arise from customer property you have worked on at your business, which may be transit, located at another processor or at your customer's location. An Auto Garage liability policy may be necessary to handle any on-premises bodily injuries and a garagekeepers liability form can protect you against claims for damage to customer vehicles.

You may need commercial automobile insurance if you make deliveries, have a commercial-size vehicle, or if the vehicle is owned by a corporation.

---

COPYRIGHT: Insurance Publishing Plus, Inc. 2010

All rights reserved. Production or distribution, whether in whole or in part, in any form of media or language; and no matter what country, state or territory, is expressly forbidden without written consent of Insurance Publishing Plus, Inc.