

Things to consider when choosing a Public and Products Liability Limit

It's difficult to know how much Public and Products Liability cover you should include in your policy. It's impossible to know in advance how much compensation you may need to pay if an incident occurs. See below some of the things you may wish to consider when setting your cover level:

- Do you have requirements in any of your contracts to take Public Liability Insurance? Contracts will often require you to take certain minimum 'limit of liability' as a condition.
- Does your landlord require you to insure for a certain amount? For example, many large shopping centres require a minimum of \$20m cover from their tenants, even if only for short-term pop-up store.
- Do the locations where you conduct your work require you to have a certain amount? Some building sites require a minimum cover for you to complete work on the site.
- Do you require a minimum amount of cover from licensing authorities or industry groups? For example, Victorian Plumbers, Queensland Electricians and other professional groups often need certain levels of cover as part of their license or professional accreditation.

These questions may help with setting a minimum amount of cover, but depending on your circumstances you may wish to consider a higher limit, it may be an uncomfortable surprise to find out how much you could be liable for when something goes wrong. For example:

- If a fire starts at your business, you could be liable for the costs of damages to other buildings and their contents.
- Another worker at a site could be injured, unable to work and then sue you for compensation.
- A fire starts on-site and it causes millions of dollars of damage.

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