

Pull out your current Business Owners Policy and check the box next to each feature you can confirm it includes — anything unchecked is worth a quick conversation with your advisor.

STANDARD

OFTEN LIMITED

IF NEEDED

— Standard: should be included · Often limited: frequently sublimited, excluded, or optional · If needed: depends on your operations

POLICY FEATURE	WHAT TO CONFIRM	PRIORITY
☐ Building & Contents at Replacement Cost	Confirm values reflect today's cost to rebuild and replace.	STANDARD
☐ Business Income (12 Months or More)	Replaces lost income while the business can't operate after a covered loss.	STANDARD
☐ Water & Sewer Backup	Water is the most common small-business claim — backup coverage is often limited or must be added.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Equipment Breakdown	Covers sudden breakdown of HVAC, refrigeration, electrical, and computers.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Hired & Non-Owned Auto	Covers employees' personal cars and rentals used for business.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Employee Dishonesty	Covers theft by employees — often a small limit.	IF NEEDED
☐ Data Breach	Often included at a small limit — a standalone cyber policy may be needed.	IF NEEDED
☐ Professional Services Exclusion	BOPs usually exclude professional advice — buy E&O separately if needed.	IF NEEDED

COMMON GAP IN THIS COVERAGE

The most commonly missed gap in this coverage is water. Water and frozen-pipe damage is now the most common small-business claim, yet sewer and drain backup is often limited or excluded unless added — and the average fire claim has risen to about \$80,000. Owners should add water and sewer backup, confirm replacement cost values, and install leak sensors.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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