

Pull out your current policy and check the box next to any coverage you can confirm is already in place — anything unchecked is worth a quick conversation with your advisor. Coverage checklist for butcher shops and meat markets. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against deli, curing, and game processing.

CORE

PREVALENT

SITUATIONAL

— Core: almost always needed · Prevalent: commonly carried by businesses in this class · Situational: depends on specific exposure

COVERAGE	WHY THIS BUSINESS NEEDS IT	PRIORITY
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states.	CORE
☐ Commercial General Liability (incl. Products)	Covers foodborne illness from ground and ready-to-eat meats.	CORE
☐ Equipment Breakdown & Spoilage	Covers cooler failures and spoiled meat.	CORE
☐ Commercial Property & Business Income	Covers the shop, equipment, and lost income after a fire or closure.	CORE
☐ Bailee / Customer Goods	Covers hunters' game in the shop's care.	SITUATIONAL

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed exposure for this class is employee amputations. Band saws, grinders, and slicers cause serious injuries, and federal law bars workers under 18 from operating or cleaning them — violations add penalties to the injury claim. Shops should keep guards and push tools in use, lock out slicers for cleaning, keep minors off power equipment, and carry spoilage coverage for coolers.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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