

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 finish, remodel, and deck carpenters. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against deck and structural work.

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
☐ Commercial General Liability (incl. Products-Completed Operations)	Covers injuries and damage during work and after it's finished.	CORE
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states — falls and tool injuries drive construction claims.	CORE
☐ Contractor's Equipment / Inland Marine	Covers tools and equipment on job sites and in transit.	PREVALENT
☐ Commercial Auto	Covers work trucks and trailers.	CORE

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed exposure for this class is completed decks and railings. Deck collapses are commonly traced to improper ledger attachment and weak guards, and they can injure many people at once, long after the job. Carpenters should confirm completed-operations limits, build decks to code with permits and inspections, and photograph completed work.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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