

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 chimney sweeps. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against inspections and liner work.

COREPREVALENTSITUATIONAL

— 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
☐ Professional / Errors & Omissions	Covers inspection errors — often excluded from GL.	PREVALENT
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states.	CORE
☐ Commercial Auto	Covers trucks and service vehicles.	CORE

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is E&O for inspections. When a chimney the sweep inspected causes a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning, the claim alleges a professional error that general liability may exclude — especially for Level 2 inspections done for home sales. Sweeps should carry E&O, document every inspection in writing, and get signed acknowledgments when customers decline repairs.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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