

Pull out your current cyber 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
☐ Social Engineering / Funds Transfer Fraud	Covers payments sent to criminals after fake emails or invoices — often a small sublimit.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Ransomware & Cyber Extortion (Full Limit)	Confirm ransomware is covered at the full limit, not a reduced sublimit or coinsurance.	STANDARD
☐ Business Interruption & Waiting Period	Covers lost income during an outage — confirm the waiting period (hours before coverage starts).	STANDARD
☐ Breach Response Costs	Covers forensics, notification, and legal counsel — confirm whether they reduce the policy limit.	STANDARD
☐ Data Restoration	Pays to restore or recreate lost data and systems.	STANDARD
☐ Dependent Business Interruption	Covers lost income when a key vendor or cloud provider has an outage.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Regulatory Fines & PCI Assessments	Covers regulatory defense and fines where insurable, and card-brand assessments after a breach.	IF NEEDED
☐ Technology E&O	Covers claims that the applicant's technology products or services failed — needed for tech companies.	IF NEEDED

COMMON GAP IN THIS COVERAGE

The most commonly missed gap in this coverage is social engineering. Business email compromise cost U.S. victims \$3.05 billion in 2025 — the costliest cybercrime businesses routinely face — yet many cyber policies cover payment fraud only through a small sublimit or not at all. Businesses should confirm the limit, verify every payment change by phone, and require two approvers for large transfers.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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