

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 general contractors. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against project types and subcontractor use.

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
☐ Umbrella / Excess Liability	Adds limits required by owners and lenders.	CORE
☐ Builder's Risk	Covers the structure under construction.	PREVALENT
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states — falls and tool injuries drive construction claims.	CORE
☐ Commercial Auto	Covers work trucks and trailers.	CORE
☐ Contractors Pollution Liability	Covers mold, silica, and other pollution from operations — excluded from GL.	SITUATIONAL

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is subcontractor risk transfer. When a subcontractor's worker is hurt or its work fails, the claim lands on the GC — and without certificates, additional-insured status, hold-harmless terms, and verified workers' comp, the GC's own policy pays. Many GL policies also exclude or limit residential and condominium work. GCs should enforce subcontractor controls on every job and confirm how their policy treats residential construction.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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