

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 hair salons, including chemical, extension, and suite or booth-rental operations. Priorities reflect typical exposure for this class; confirm against the services performed and how stylists are engaged.

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
☐ Professional Liability (Salon Services)	Covers chemical burns, hair loss, allergic reactions, and other service injuries — GL usually excludes them.	CORE
☐ Commercial General Liability	Covers client slips and falls and damage to client property.	CORE
☐ Products Liability	Covers reactions to products used or sold, including private-label lines.	PREVALENT
☐ Business Personal Property	Covers chairs, dryers, tools, and retail inventory.	PREVALENT
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states with employees; chemical exposure, dermatitis, and strain injuries are common.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Employment Practices Liability (EPLI)	Relevant where booth or commission stylists could be treated as employees.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Cyber Liability	Covers client records, booking data, and payment information.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Business Income	Replaces income after a covered closure.	PREVALENT

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is coverage for chemical services. Some salon policies exclude or limit smoothing treatments, relaxers, or extensions — exactly the services most likely to cause burns, hair loss, or reactions. Formaldehyde adds a longer-term concern: OSHA has found it in salon air above legal limits during smoothing treatments, even with products labeled formaldehyde-free, and FDA's proposed ban has been repeatedly delayed. Salons should confirm every service is covered, keep chemical service records, and check product safety data sheets. Suite and booth renters should each carry their own coverage naming the salon.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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