

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 handyman businesses. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against the types of work performed.

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
☐ Tools & Equipment / Inland Marine	Covers tools on the truck and at job sites.	PREVALENT
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states.	CORE
☐ Commercial Auto	Covers trucks and trailers — confirm trailers and attached equipment are included.	CORE

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is work outside the policy's description. Handyman policies usually exclude or restrict electrical, plumbing, gas, roofing, and structural work, and many states cap unlicensed handyman jobs by value — so the job that goes wrong is often the one outside scope. Handymen should describe their work accurately to their carrier and refer licensed-trade work to licensed contractors.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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