

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 ice cream, frozen yogurt, and gelato shops. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against production and parties.

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)	Covers foodborne illness and allergic reactions.	CORE
☐ Equipment Breakdown & Spoilage	Covers freezer failures — a thawed inventory can be a total loss.	CORE
☐ Commercial Property & Business Income	Covers the shop, equipment, and lost income after a fire or closure.	CORE
☐ Product Recall	Needed if the shop makes and sells packaged ice cream.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states.	CORE

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is spoilage coverage. A freezer failure or power outage can destroy the entire inventory, and standard property forms often exclude or sublimit spoilage. Listeria, which survives freezing, is the severe liability risk. Shops should carry equipment breakdown and spoilage coverage, log freezer temperatures, and clean soft-serve machines on the manufacturer's schedule.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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