

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 freelance and studio makeup artists. Priorities reflect typical exposure for this class; confirm against the services performed and where the work takes place.

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 (Makeup Services)	Covers allergic reactions, eye infections, and skin injuries from services — GL usually excludes them.	CORE
☐ Commercial General Liability	Covers injury and property damage at venues and clients' homes; many venues require it.	CORE
☐ Products Liability	Covers reactions to products sold or used, including own-brand products.	PREVALENT
☐ Equipment / Kit Coverage	Covers makeup kits, airbrush units, and lighting, including in vehicles and at venues.	PREVALENT
☐ Hired & Non-Owned Auto	Covers driving to bookings in a personal vehicle for business.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Cyber Liability	Covers booking data and client photos.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states if the business has employees.	SITUATIONAL

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is professional liability. Many makeup artists buy general liability because venues ask for it, but GL usually doesn't cover the claims artists actually face: an allergic reaction, an eye infection from a shared product, or a skin injury. Artists who offer henna should know that FDA warns "black henna" often contains PPD hair dye, which isn't permitted on skin and has caused permanent scarring, including in children. Confirm the policy lists every service offered, and that lashes, tinting, and special-effects work aren't excluded.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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