

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 parking lot and garage owners and operators. Priorities reflect typical exposure for this class; confirm against facility type and whether keys are kept.

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
☐ Garage / General Liability	Covers customer injuries — falls, gate arms, assaults alleged to result from poor security — and property damage.	CORE
☐ Garagekeepers Coverage	Covers customers' vehicles in your care when keys are kept (attended or stacked parking) — GL excludes them.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Commercial Property & Business Income	Covers owned structures, gates, and pay equipment, plus income lost after a covered loss.	CORE
☐ Umbrella / Excess Liability	Adds limits for catastrophic claims such as a structural failure or serious assault.	CORE
☐ Crime / Money & Securities	Covers cash and pay-station receipts lost to theft or robbery.	PREVALENT
☐ Equipment Breakdown	Covers mechanical lifts, gates, elevators, and ventilation systems.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states; attendants face vehicle-strike and assault risks.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Contractual Liability	Confirms coverage for indemnity promised to the property owner in a management agreement.	PREVALENT

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed exposure for this class is structural condition. Aging garages carry heavier vehicles than they were designed for, and deferred maintenance or unpermitted repairs can end in collapse — as in the 2023 Ann Street garage in Manhattan, where a worker was killed and the city blamed structural demolition done without permits. Regular engineering inspections, permitted repairs, and a high umbrella limit matter. Operators who keep customers' keys also need garagekeepers coverage, since general liability excludes vehicles in their care.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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