

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 photographers and videographers. Priorities reflect typical exposure for this class; confirm against specialties and where 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 (E&O)	Covers claims over lost, corrupted, or late images, missed coverage, and no-shows.	CORE
☐ Equipment / Inland Marine	Covers cameras, lenses, drones, and lighting anywhere — at shoots, in transit, and while traveling.	CORE
☐ Commercial General Liability	Covers injuries and property damage at venues and shoots; most venues require it.	CORE
☐ Media / IP Liability	Covers copyright, privacy, and right-of-publicity claims from images you publish or license.	PREVALENT
☐ Cyber Liability	Covers client galleries and data, including sensitive images.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Hired & Non-Owned Auto	Covers driving to shoots in a personal vehicle.	SITUATIONAL
☐ Drone / Aviation Liability	Needed for drone work — general liability typically excludes drones.	SITUATIONAL

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is professional liability for lost work. A wedding or event can't be reshot, and courts may award damages beyond the fee when irreplaceable images are lost to a failed card or drive; a state attorney general sued a wedding photographer in 2026 over \$75,000 in undelivered work. General liability doesn't cover these claims. Dual-card cameras, same-day off-site backups, and a contract that limits liability are the best protection, alongside an E&O policy.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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