

Pull out your current product recall policy and check the box next to each feature you can confirm it includes — anything unchecked is worth a quick conversation with your advisor.

STANDARD

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IF NEEDED

— Standard: should be included · Often limited: frequently sublimited, excluded, or optional · If needed: depends on your operations

POLICY FEATURE	WHAT TO CONFIRM	PRIORITY
☐ First-Party Recall Expenses	Pays to notify customers, retrieve, ship, and destroy recalled products.	STANDARD
☐ Third-Party Recall Liability	Covers customers' and retailers' recall costs you're legally or contractually responsible for.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Voluntary and Government-Ordered Recalls	Confirm both are covered — some policies require a regulator's order.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Business Interruption / Lost Profit	Replaces lost gross profit after a recall.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Accidental & Malicious Contamination	Covers contamination incidents and tampering or extortion threats.	IF NEEDED
☐ Brand Rehabilitation	Pays for advertising and public relations to restore sales after a recall.	IF NEEDED
☐ Crisis Consultant Services	Provides recall and crisis experts when an event starts.	OFTEN LIMITED

COMMON GAP IN THIS COVERAGE

The most commonly missed gap in this coverage is assuming product liability covers a recall. Product liability pays for injuries and damage to others; it generally excludes the cost of pulling products off the market — and recalled units passed one billion by July 2026. Businesses should carry recall coverage for first- and third-party costs, and test their recall plan with a mock recall each year.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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