

10 Insurance Mistakes You Definitely Don't Want To Make

1. Not carrying any coverage at all. This is a very serious mistake but it is the one most commonly made by entrepreneurs.
2. Not carrying commercial auto insurance on company cars. The coverage is necessary and can usually be obtained at premium that is comparable or slightly higher than personal auto insurance.
3. Not purchasing liability limits that are higher enough. Selecting coverage for \$500,000 is often not much less than 1 or 2 million in that same coverage.
4. Not purchasing insurance for disaster coverage. This would include such things as earthquake and flood insurance.
5. Using the wrong agent. Select a professional that has experience in business insurance. Someone who knows a lot about or can access resources in your industry is an extra bonus.
6. Not purchasing Employment Practices coverage. Having this coverage could save you from a lawsuit by a disgruntled employee, suing you for harassment.
7. Not covering family members under workers compensation insurance. Family members are most often automatically excluded under your policy. This may be the only protection they have for injuries they sustain while working for you. Some states require family member to be listed, by law.
8. Failing to shop around. Policy rates may not vary by much, but the fine print of a policy very often does. Read the policy coverages closely and ask questions about risks that you want to be certain are covered. Select a policy, not a premium, that matches your needs best.
9. Filing too many claims. Doing this, and you will pay more on a policy. You may find yourself cancelled and obtaining coverage with a risk company. Don't consider your policy a warranty or maintenance plan, save your claims for the disasters.
10. Not doing annual insurance checkups. A growing business most certainly should do this yearly or more often if necessary. This can be done in person or over the phone, so long as it gets done.