

Protect your business.

Are you covered against the risks that matter?



Source: The Association of British Insurers, 'Small Business, Big Risk: Tackling SME Underinsurance' Report, January 2026.

Your business faces risks.

The right insurance protects you from costly setbacks - and some types of cover are required by law. But many UK businesses are underinsured - or not insured at all. This leaves them exposed when things go wrong.

The Association of British Insurers' latest study reveals:

28%

of sole traders **have no insurance at all.**

1 in 3

employers **lack compulsory Employers' Liability cover.**

50%

haven't reviewed their cover in over 12 months.

Underinsurance is often due to misunderstanding or failure to review cover.

5 things you can do to help to protect your business.

01

Think through the risks you face.

What would happen if they occurred?

02

Check your legal obligations.

If you employ staff or own vehicles, certain cover is mandatory.

03

Buy the right mix of cover.

Consider the full range of potential risks, not only the most common ones.

04

Review annually.

Don't just auto-renew - check changes in premises, assets, staff, turnover.

05

Buy enough cover.

Make sure the cover you buy matches the maximum amount you might need to claim.

Why insurance matters.



Business continuity.

Prevents loss of income and potential insolvency after major loss.



Growth and confidence.

Provides a safety net to invest and take risks.



Employee protection.

Safeguards jobs and well-being.



Access to finance and trade.

Reduces risk to cashflow and supports exports.

Common gaps for SMEs.

Only **26%** 

see cyber risk as must-have cover.

Do you handle customer data or rely heavily on computers or online systems? It's worth thinking about how your business would respond to a cyber incident. Cyber insurance is available in the market and can help businesses manage the financial impact of cyber-attacks, data breaches, and system failures.

Just **29%** 

of those who fear losing premises have protection.

Assess how long your business might close for if the worst happened. Be pessimistic. Business owners often underestimate how long it will take to start trading again.

Make sure you're not underinsured.

If you're underinsured, any claim payout may be reduced - even if the claim itself is accepted - leaving you to make up the difference.

Property cover example.

Declared value.

Cost to rebuild today (excluding inflation). This needs to be accurate when your policy starts. If you've insured for less than the real value, any claim will reduce proportionally too.

Day one uplift.

Extra % to cover inflation during the period of insurance or during rebuild.

Sum insured.

Declared value + uplift = maximum payout.



Tip:

Get a professional valuation to help you get the figures right.

Why use a broker?



Expert advice - tailored to your business and your needs.



Protection if things go wrong - brokers advocate for you.



High satisfaction - 70% of SMEs trust brokers to understand their needs.

What next?

Talk to your broker. Review your cover. Protect your future.

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