

Here are some questions to ask your agent:

# HOW DOES MY INSURANCE COMPANY DEFINE "COMMERCIAL USE?"

Some insurers define it as transporting goods for compensation or a fee. But, because the definition of "commercial use" varies by company, your agent is the best resource for this answer. Your agent can tell you whether your insurer requires a commercial policy for businesses like these:

- / pizza and newspaper delivery
- / real estate
- / catering
- / door-to-door consulting services
- / landscaping or snowplowing services
- / day care or church van services

#### WHAT KIND OF LIABILITY LIMITS DO I NEED?

As a business owner, you may want higher liability limits to meet contractual needs or just to better protect the business you've built. In general, a commercial auto policy can offer higher liability limits than a personal auto policy.

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## DOES MY PERSONAL POLICY COVER ME FOR ISSUES SPECIFIC TO MY BUSINESS?

For example, if a trailer damages another vehicle while on a job, a personal liability policy may not cover the repairs. A commercial policy usually will.

#### I HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT DRIVE MY VEHICLES. Does my policy cover that?

In general, if other people drive your vehicles for work, you need a commercial auto policy.

### DO THE PASSENGERS OR CONTENTS IN MY VEHICLE MATTER?

Yes. Vehicles used for picking up or dropping off people or goods, or hauling tools or equipment, probably need a commercial policy.

### WHAT ABOUT CERTIFICATIONS OR FILINGS?

Documentation requirements—like certificates of insurance or filings for trucking—are generally good indicators that a commercial policy is needed.

Call Wendy Adams to select a policy that protects the business you've built—at a cost you can afford.

