

# Insurance Claims & Coverages Managing Your Risk

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# It's Our Business to Protect Yours

# Why Do You Buy Insurance?

Insurance is designed to help pay for the direct costs of a loss, including:



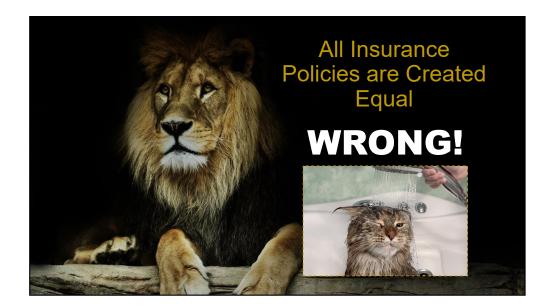




Medical Expenses

Indemnity Costs Property Damage

Defense Costs



#### **Insurance** Policies

- Most insurance companies use policies written by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).
- An insurance policy is considered a contract.





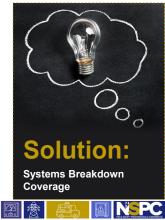
#### Problem: Insufficient Limit of Insurance

- While driving, an employee reaches to pick-up an item that fell to the floor; not seeing a vehicle a few cars ahead slowing to turn.
- The employee rear-ended the vehicle in front of them causing a chain reaction; 2 people are killed and 4 others severely injured.
- The business has a \$1 million Auto Liability limit and a \$1 million Commercial Umbrella.
- The total damages far exceed the business's \$2 million limit of liability.



#### Problem: Mechanical Breakdown

- A business was cooled by a large air conditioning unit.
- During a week of 100-degree temperatures, the coils of the refrigeration equipment cracked and the equipment broke down.
- · The shop lost income while repairs were made.
- The owner was surprised to learn there was no coverage for the broken air conditioning unit nor the business income loss that resulted.



## **Problem: Employment Discrimination**

- An employee is dismissed because of poor work performance.
- Later, the terminated employee files a claim with the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) claiming discrimination and wrongful termination.



Employment-Related Practices Liability Policy

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#### Problem: Ransomware or Cyber Extortion

- While trying to balance the books, an employee received a strange pop-up on the computer.
- A ransomware virus locked the system until an extortion demand was paid.
- After consultation, the business hires an investigator and negotiator to assist with the extortion demands.
- With the insurance carrier approval, the insured decided to pay the demand of \$8,000 to unlock the system.



#### Problem: Data Breach

- A significant amount of personally identifiable information for employees and clients is stored online.
- The computer system is hacked and sensitive personal information is compromised.
- The insured must investigate and notify hundreds of individuals, costing nearly \$35,000.
- When they turn their claim into their insurer, they quickly discover they have no coverage for these costs.



#### Problem: Property Damage

- A business owner has insurance coverage on a storage building for \$100,000 on a replacement cost basis with 80% coinsurance.
- The actual cost to replace the building is \$250.000.
- A windstorm causes \$40,000 damage to the roof.
- The owner is shocked when they receive a check from their insurance company for only \$19,000.

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Remove Coinsurance Clauses from the Policy

## **Problem: Drug and Alcohol**

- While at work, an employee is fatally injured in an accident.
- During the post-accident investigation, it's discovered the employee had illegal drugs in their pocket and their blood sample tested positive for drugs.
- A pre-employment drug screening was not completed nor was a formal anti-drug/alcohol policy in place.



Solution: Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy

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#### **Problem: No Workers Compensation**

- While at work, an employee attempts to lift a heavy object severely injuring their back.
- The injured worker is not able to work for a significant amount of time and ultimately is determined to be partially disabled, unable to work.
- The employer is surprised to find that even though they're not required to provide workers compensation coverage, they're required to pay for the loss.



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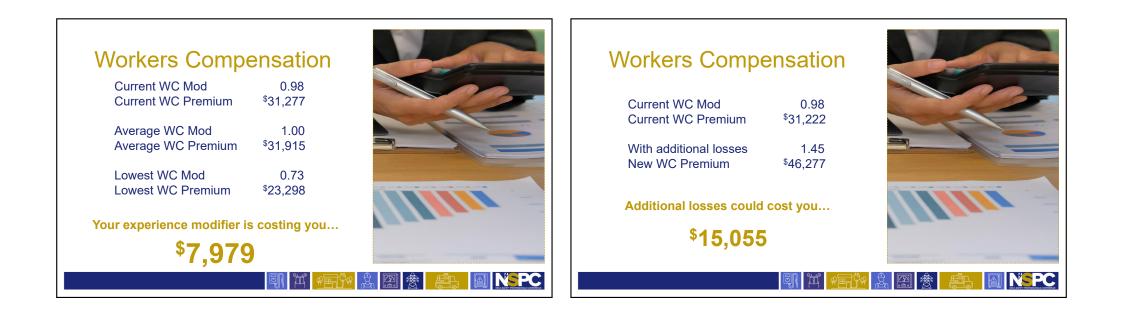
# Problem: Workplace Injury

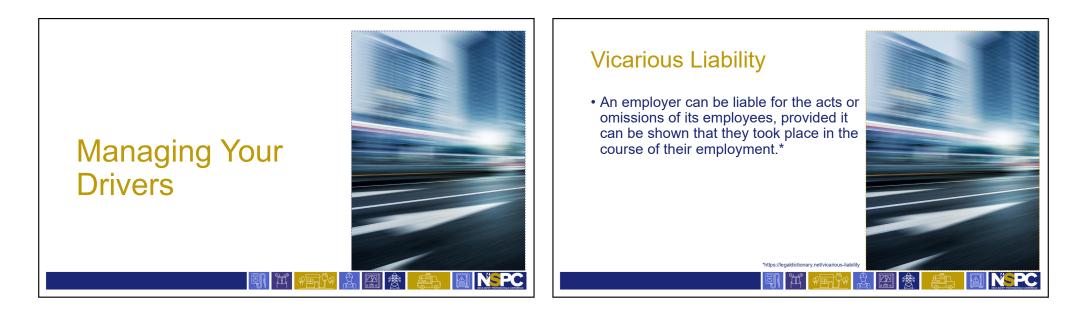
- An employee suffers a knee injury while at work and is unable to perform their typical duties.
- The employee is expected to miss several weeks from work; medical and loss wage benefits are paid.
- After several weeks the workers compensation insurer continues to pay wage-loss benefits to the employee, totaling thousands of dollars.



Workers Compensation Experience Modifications







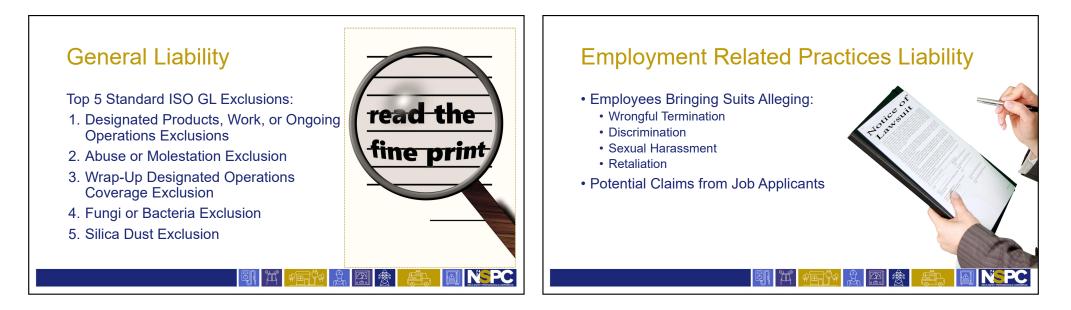






- Contractor's Tools and Equipment
  - · Common Causes of Loss Limited or











#### **OSHA** Violations

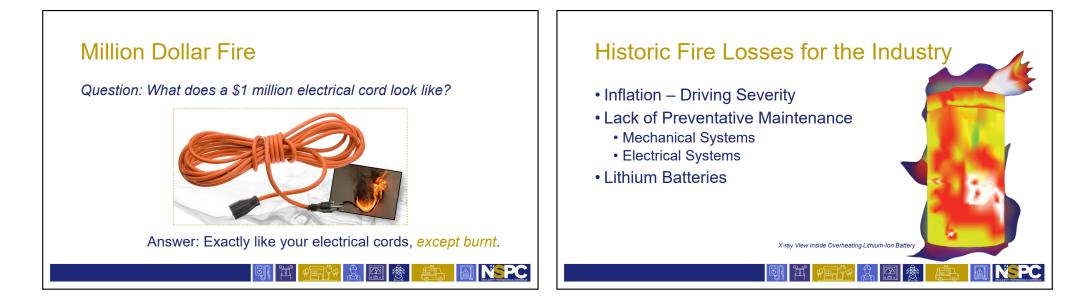
• According to the US Department of Labor Data Enforcement, in 2021 there were more than 61,000 OSHA inspections at both the state and federal levels resulting in more than 110,000 violations with potential fines of greater than \$267 million.\*

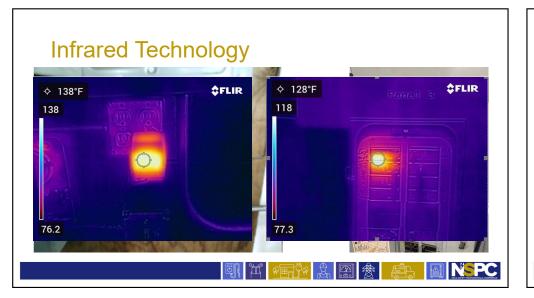
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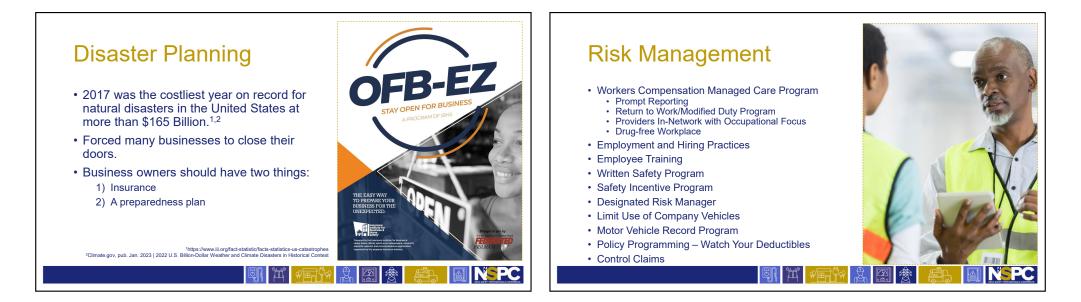
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#### Who Do We Want to Insure?



- Few claims
- Well maintained property
- Regular fleet maintenance
- Formal hiring and training program
- Active, on-going safety training
- Annual MVR reports on all drivers
- "No nonsense" management attitude

- Company B
- Many claims
- Rundown property
- Fleet not maintained
- No formal hiring program
- Minimal safety training
- No driving standards set
- Indifferent management attitude

## Take Ownership

- Meet annually with your agent before the renewal to review coverages.
- Review your loss history on an annual basis.
- Don't get caught in the apples-to-apples game. Your coverage needs to be written right to cover your exposures.
- Review all contracts before signing.





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