

# BREWERY AND DISTILLERY INSURANCE EXPLAINED

## What is brewery and distillery insurance?

Our policies are specialist business insurance designed for breweries and distilleries, tailored to the risks that these business owners face. Insuring a business is not quite as simple as insuring a car, though so brokers will take the time to understand the specifics of your venue by completing a 'fact find' to understand your risks. Your advisor or broker will then know where best to source the right cover for you.

## What types of business can benefit from a brewery or distillery policy?

We work in partnership with insurance companies and Lloyd's underwriters who are experts in licensed trade insurance.

- Breweries
- Micro-breweries
- Vineyards
- Distilleries
- Gin distilleries
- Rum distilleries
- Whisky distilleries
- Attached shops and visitor centres



## Key features

Naturally, the exact details of cover will depend on the policy we believe is best suited to your brewery and distillery needs, but typical features of a buildings, contents and business interruption cover might include:

Cover for buildings and contents

- Product Liability Cover
- Cover for beers wines and spirits
- General Stock
- Business interruption – cover including losses suffered caused by:
  - Denial of access to premises
  - Damage to other properties in the vicinity of venue which prevents access to your premises
  - Damage at the premises of one of your suppliers or customers
  - Failure of public utilities
- Refrigerated and Cold store stock – cover for spoiled goods caused by a sudden failure of a refrigeration unit
- Compensation cover if employees are assaulted during a robbery inside or outside of the venue
- Loss of licence cover
- Fraud and dishonesty of employees
- Theft not by forcible or violent entry
- Money

- Money in safe
- Money in transit
- Money in bank
- Cover for Gin/Wine Spirits Fairs and Markets
- Damage and Theft of property in the open
- Cover for Malt and Hops at third party premises
- Loss of metered water

## Typical features

- Business Interruption
- Stock Entertainment, Tours and Events Cover
- Brewery and Distillery Equipment

Our licensed trade and distillery insurance cover is designed to meet your needs.

At Towergate we pride ourselves on providing our best advice on cover and protection of your business.

For example we can provide a free desk top survey for buildings cover, should you require it, which will help avoid being underinsured and avoid gaps in cover.

\*We are also able to provide our Towergate Risk Management portal which is an online platform that will help you manage and run your business providing access to HR and legal documents.

\*Towergate risk management is an optional chargeable add on product

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## Employers and Public Liability

**Slips, trips and falls** – This is one of the most common causes of accidents and exactly why liability insurance is so important.

**Public Liability** – This provides cover of up to £5,000,000 for sums you become legally liable to pay in respect of accidental injury to any person or accidental loss or damage to their material property, happening in the course of your business or caused by the nature or condition of anything sold or supplied by your business.

**Employers Liability** – This cover can provide up to £10,000,000 for sums you become legally liable to pay as damages, together with your legal costs and expenses relating to an injury to an employee for which you are legally liable.

**Entertainment** – Events and entertainment are activities that may just be noted on your policy, sometimes it can require extra cover though. To whatever capacity you hold events, it is vital that you discuss your plans with your insurer. Even if the insurance doesn't cost you any extra you must have it noted on the policy, there are very few business around today that can afford a liability compensation claim without public liability insurance. The trick is to give as

much information as you can during your quote, this way you only need to call your insurer as the situation changes. Employer's liability insurance is a legal requirement if you have any number of staff working for you in any capacity.

**Loss of money** - Cash is usually covered up to £3000. If you require a higher level there is likely to be security requirements which would need to meet, such as having a safe on the premises.

**Business Interruption (Loss of profits)** - This helps you stay in business by covering loss of gross profit and reasonable expenditure incurred as a result of an event such as a fire or theft. The indemnity period is the amount of time this cover can be claimed for.

A 'gross profit sum insured' of £500,000 -750,000 with indemnity period of 24 months is standard. It is possible to insure for only 12 months but insurers are not as keen on this as it is unlikely that a business could return to the same levels of trading after a full rebuild or refurbishment of a property all within 12 months. The easier the building to re-build and lower your income – the lower you can set the insurance limits.

## Apprentices and those on an internship

- Cover for claims for injury to your employees during the course of employment or third-party injury/property damage as a result of your business activities
- Public liability extends to the overseas personal liability of directors and employees
- Limits of up to £10,000,000 available.
- Product liability for the manufacture of beers, ciders wines and spirits
- Cover for USA and Canada also available. You can also add to your package of cover a selection of the following:
- Loss of licence – protect your income if the authorities suspend or revoke a license you need to trade
- Cancellation and abandonment of events – to protect your financial investment in events you hold
- Professional indemnity – cover for financial losses to third parties as a result of your activities
- Legal expenses – cover against the risk of making or defending a legal action
- Personal accident and illness

- Crisis containment – protect your reputation when trouble strikes
- Cyber - Internet and email and hacker damage for your online exposures.
- Liability for additional activities including exhibitions, beer festivals, farmer's markets trade fairs and public tours
- Can provide cover for additional licensed trade and business premises in addition to your distillery

Our distillery insurance cover is designed to be flexible and to meet the demands of a busy distillery

We can help insure items such as brewing equipment, refrigeration and cold store equipment, heating and cooling systems in addition to your business interruption and liability covers.

### Liability extensions

You can't overlook the risk of injury or disease to employees at your venue – as a business owner you are legally required to ensure you're covered. Visitors to your venue and your employees working away from your venue can also leave you exposed to claims from third parties. Our liability covers complement our property and management liability, to provide seamless cover.

## Brewery and Distillery Insurance Claims

### Insurance Claims

Towergate have many years' experience working together with breweries and distilleries, pubs and licensed trade venues. We not only understand your industry and the risks involved, but also the subtle differences from one business to the other and are experts in finding the best service for you.

You will also deal direct with your insurer should you need to make a claim. This cuts out any unnecessary steps and gets your claim handled as swiftly as possible. Even then we're still here to help you and see your claim is settled at the earliest opportunity by the insurer.

### Accidental damage

A supporting wall bracket broke and a large wall mounted Barrel in the distillery crashed to the floor, and couldn't be repaired - Accidental Damage cover ensured a new replacement barrel and bracket could be installed.

### Equipment breakdown

A power surge causes a circuit breaker within a brewery to fail in turn this causes

an internal power substation to overheat. For safety reasons, power had to be shut off while the problem was examined. The distillery had to shut down as a result and production was suspended. Our equipment break-down cover would have quickly ensured that the equipment was repaired and would have covered the loss in income from the loss of trading.

### Visitor trip

A visitor to a distillery tripped on a loose tile outside and fell, suffering injuries which unfortunately led to hospitalisation. Your public liability cover would ensure that the distillery could agree compensation and would work to protect the breweries reputation as a result of the claim.

### Deterioration of stock

The fuse in the plug of the deep freezer failed overnight, resulting in the loss of the business cold store/refrigerated stock. Deterioration of stock cover allowed the lost stock to be replaced.

### Glass

A vandal threw a brick through the brewery window, Glass cover allowed the glass and the damaged frame to be repaired

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