

# News & Views

## At Work and At Play – Does Your Daycare Centre Have the Right Insurance Coverage?

Daycare centres and childcare providers strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children in their care. As legislation, programming and parental expectations change and evolve, daycares are exposed to a variety of risks that they may not be aware of – or prepared for.

The chart below provide a quick overview of some of the top exposures currently being faced by daycares, and how to best prepare for these challenges. These examples are just a guide and as always, we recommend that you talk to your broker about your specific requirements, and the coverage limits and options available to you.

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Exposure	Cowan Solutions
<p><b>1) Abuse</b> Providers interact with children, and provide various levels of care which may include; feeding, changing, diapering, teaching, disciplining, counseling, and supervision of trips or camps.</p> <p>This close interaction with children has the potential for allegations of abuse against the daycare. Lawsuits arising out of these allegations may come forward many years after the incidents allegedly occurred, and can take years to resolve.</p> <p>Professional and sensitive handling of these claims is necessary to a successful resolution and can minimize the damage to the daycare's reputation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Frank Cowan Company Daycare Liability policy protects your daycare on an occurrence basis, with no aggregate, and with limits available up to \$5 million.</li> <li>• An occurrence-based policy responds to incidents that occurred during the policy period. It is therefore important to know that your insurer is stable and committed to insuring daycare risks, so if a claim is brought forward years later, they will be there for you. For over 80 years Cowan has been there for our clients, and we will continue to be.</li> <li>• Our claims department understands the unique nature of abuse claims. We have experience working with schools, daycares and Children's Aid Societies. We work with other experienced professionals to not only resolve the claim but to provide advice and guidance to help you deal with media relations and best practices.</li> <li>• Our Risk Management department can review and make recommendations regarding your abuse policy and procedures, surrounding documentation, record-keeping and risk mitigation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2) Bodily Injury</b> Unfortunately, accidents do happen and children in care can suffer bodily injury.</p> <p>As a result, a daycare could be exposed to any number of allegations such as, lack of supervision, inadequate staffing, lack of maintenance, and lack of training.</p> <p>In such situations, your policies, practices and procedures will be called into question, and you could potentially be compared to your peers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Frank Cowan Company Daycare Liability policy has been structured to assist daycare centres in defending bodily injury claims against the centre and against other insureds (such as trustees, board members, employees and volunteer workers).</li> <li>• As noted above, the Daycare Liability policy is occurrence-based, so it will respond years later for an incident that occurred during the policy period. Claims may come forward in future years when complications from injuries become more apparent as the child ages and grows.</li> <li>• Our Risk Management department can assist you in identifying and managing risk by benchmarking, policy and procedural audits and claims history analysis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3) Daycare Property</b> Buildings and contents can be destroyed or damaged by fire and other perils, and operations displaced.</p> <p>Operations may be interrupted by emergencies, infectious disease, bomb scares, child abduction, domestic violence and other threats.</p> <p>Daycare premises must be kept safe in order to avoid bodily injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Frank Cowan Company Property policy provides "All-Risk" coverage, on a Blanket Replacement Cost basis, with no co-insurance clause or margin clause (both clauses restrict or impose a cap on the amount recoverable in the event of a loss).</li> <li>• Under our blanket property insurance, building and content values for multiple locations are combined into a single blanket amount of coverage that is available to any one location in the event of a loss.</li> <li>• Frank Cowan Company has expanded our offering of Business Interruption coverage to protect your centre's business continuity plans.</li> <li>• Our Risk Management department can inspect your buildings and determine the replacement values for insurance purposes, as well as identify and prioritize liability hazards.</li> </ul>

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