



# PTA Insurance | Presented by Paige Romoser

# Introduction



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# Why Does Your PTA Need Insurance?

- To protect the assets of the PTA and the personal assets of its members
- Anyone can sue for any reason, and they usually do
- PTAs are not immune from liability
- Typically, school insurance does not cover the PTA
- Insurance will pay attorney fees to defend you



# What Kind of Insurance Should You Consider?

- General Liability
  - Extended Medical Payments Endorsement
  - Media Liability Endorsement
- Fidelity Bond (Crime)
- Officers Liability
- Inland Marine (Property Insurance)

# Maryland (Free State) PTA Package

- \$1 million General Liability
  - \$25,000 Extended Medical Payments Endorsement
- \$25,000 Fidelity Bond (Crime)
- \$1 million Officers Liability

# General Liability Insurance

## What does General Liability protect you from?

Lawsuits resulting from bodily injury and property damage

## Who needs protection under the General Liability?

- The Named Insured
- PTA members, volunteers, and employees

## Policy Limits?

PTAs should look for a policy containing a \$1 million limit

# General Liability Insurance

**What kind of activities could cause you liability?**

Roller Skating Parties

Dances

Carnivals

Graduation Parties

Swim Parties

After Prom Parties

Fun Runs

Meetings

Bazaars

Dinners

Book Fairs

Bounce Houses

Baby Sitting

Food Sales



# General Liability Insurance

What kind of activities are usually not covered?

Automobile

Watercraft

Workers Compensation

Fireworks Sales or Use

Mechanical Rides

Aircraft

Organized Sports





# Extended Medical Payments Endorsement

## What kind of protection does this coverage provide?

1. Provides medical payments for injuries sustained at a PTA event.

## How is it different from the underlying General Liability Insurance?

1. General Liability insurance protects you from lawsuits.
2. Extended Medical payments coverage will provide payment for medical expenses not involving a lawsuit.

## Why is this coverage important?

1. It provides the option for higher limit to cover larger medical expenses.
2. Helps to deter lawsuits by providing up front medical payments.

# Media Liability Endorsement (GL)

## What does Media Liability protect you from?

Lawsuits resulting from Social Media

## What types of risks are you protected from?

- Posting photographs without getting a release
- Using trademarks and logos without permission
- Misrepresentation of information
- Making confidential information public

# Media Liability Endorsement (GL)

## What types of Social Media are covered?

- Facebook
- Your PTA Website
- LinkedIn
- YouTube
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Others



# Fidelity Bond Insurance

## What does a bond policy protect?

A bond protects the cash or money of the PTA against embezzlement, robbery, or theft.

## Who should be covered by a bond?

Anyone in the PTA who handles or has access to the money.

# Fidelity Bond Insurance

## How does a PTA protect itself from a loss?

- Have a checking account requiring two signatures on each check.
- Have someone who does not have check signing authority review the bank statement on a monthly basis. *(required)*
- Conduct an annual audit of the books by an audit committee or a qualified accountant. *(required)*

## How much bonding coverage do you need?

Each PTA has to determine their own level of coverage.

*The Safest Practice:* Match your gross annual budget revenues to your bond limit.

# Officers Liability Insurance

## How are the PTA officers protected?

Protects officers from lawsuits resulting from wrongful acts or inappropriate actions.

## Officers Liability covers the following situations:

- Inappropriate use of Organization funds
- Wrongful acts, misleading statements, or negligent acts
- Discrimination
- Not following your by-laws
- Misrepresentation

## How might the PTA officers “not” be protected?

If a lawsuit results from knowingly wrongful acts, dishonesty, criminal acts, or willful/reckless behavior.

# Inland Marine (Property Insurance)

## What does this policy protect?

A property policy protects any personal property owned by the PTA from loss or damage due to an accident, theft, or natural disaster.

## What types of property are typically protected?

Fund Raising Merchandise

Popcorn Machine

Auction Items

Tables and Chairs

Disaster Relief Materials

*...and more*

Barbecue Grills

Raffle Items

Microphones

School Store Supplies

Portable Buildings





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## Questions?