

Resort, Hotel and Motel Factors to Consider

Be sure to understand each of the following factors before engaging with the insurance company.

Knowledge is the key to a successful claim outcome.

- ✓ What is my broker's/agent's role?
- ✓ Does the adjuster work for us or the insurance company? Why they can't work for both. It's a conflict.
- ✓ Warranties and Protective Safeguard requirements. What do they mean? Can I still collect if I am not in full compliance?
- ✓ How quickly can I get started rebuilding?
- ✓ Does my risk manager have the requisite skill sets to negotiate a large property claim?
- ✓ What does Title 24 and handicap access mean to you and your claim?
- ✓ Is the insurance company using an independent building or equipment consultant to prepare a bid? Who are these consultants? Who are they working for? Do they only work for insurance companies?
- ✓ Is there coinsurance in my policy? What does it mean?
- ✓ How does my policy address increased costs due to new codes? If my coverage is limited, what can I do about it?
- ✓ Can I continue to pay my employees?
- ✓ What happens when the insurance company engages a forensic accountant? Who does that accountant work for?
- ✓ What are extra expenses? What can be included? Can I use extra expenses to offset shortfalls in property coverages?
- ✓ Will the insurance company continue to pay franchise fees while my resort/hotel/motel is closed?
- ✓ If my restaurant is destroyed but the hotel units are not impacted, will my business interruption pay for my loss of sales due to no restaurant being available?
- ✓ If I place guests in undamaged rooms, how does it affect my business income claim? Does it create a new liability?
- ✓ What happens if I place guests in other hotels I own? Does the insurance company get a credit?

- ✓ How is actual cash value determined? Why should I care?
- ✓ Can I compensate employees who help with cleaning or restoration?
- ✓ Replacement properties. Lease purchase strategy. Is it good for me?
- ✓ Will the insurance company pay for a construction manager?
- ✓ What is the difference between a schedule of values and a schedule of limits?
- ✓ Does the insurance company pay for professionals necessary to evaluate my claim? Are they working for me? Or them?
- ✓ Can I recast my financial statements? If so, why?
- ✓ What is the extended period of indemnity, and how does it work?
- ✓ What are expediting expenses? How do they differ from extra expenses?
- ✓ How do I project lost sales? Sales declines?
- ✓ Can I use proformas/budgets to calculate loss of income?