# Hot Topics in Builders Risk

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# Agenda

o Coverage Basics
o Planning and Budgeting
o Current Marketplace
o Important Considerations

## **Builders' Risk 101**

- First Party, No Fault Cover
- Required by Contract for duration of Work
- Delay resulting from Physical Loss or Damage to Covered Property



## **Coverage Overview**

## **Covered Property**

- Jobsite (Multi)
- Property Stored Off-Site
- Property in Transit

## **Time Element**

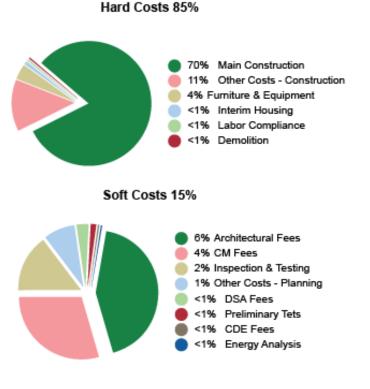
- Soft Costs
- Loss of Rents
- Delay in Start Up (DSU)



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## "Hard Cost" vs "Soft Cost"

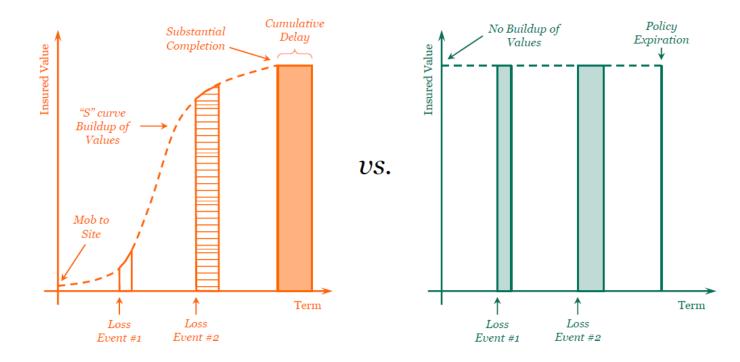
- Where do these terms come from?
- What do they mean?
- Exposures and Coverages
  - o Physical Damage
  - o Delay in Completion
    - Loss of Rent
    - Business Income
  - o Soft Costs
    - Time Element
    - Non Time Element



## **Delay In Start Up**

Builder's Risk Delay In Startup

Property Business Income





# **Loss Limits and Sublimits**

- Loss Limits vs. Full Limits (multi bldg. projects and Cat limits)
- Sublimits How are these limits determined & what is avail.?
  - o Debris removal
  - o Offsite Storage
  - o Transit
  - Expediting / Extra Expense
  - Contract Penalty (These are not LD's)
  - o Claims Adjustment Expenses



# **Planning and Budgeting**

Risk Assessment and Allocation

- Who owns Delay?
- o Contract Formation must match Risk Allocation intent

Program Structure

- o Owner vs Contractor
- Property Program Sublimit vs Builders Risk
- o Lender Requirements (CAT perils, insured parties, etc)
- Shared/Layered Structure

**Placement Timeline** 

- Coordinating submission among parties
- Plan for 30-45 day turnaround

Budget Range

- o Preliminary budget
- Adjust for design changes
- o Plan for market changes





## **Market Trends**

#### Base Annual Frame Rates – New Construction

- January 2021: .35/100
- January 2022: .40/100

.50/100

- January 2023: .45/100
- Currently:

Wood Frame & Joisted Masonry construction rates have experienced significant upward pricing pressure over the last 3 years, The major reason for this being increased loss experience due to Inflation, Labor Shortage & Supply Chain delays.

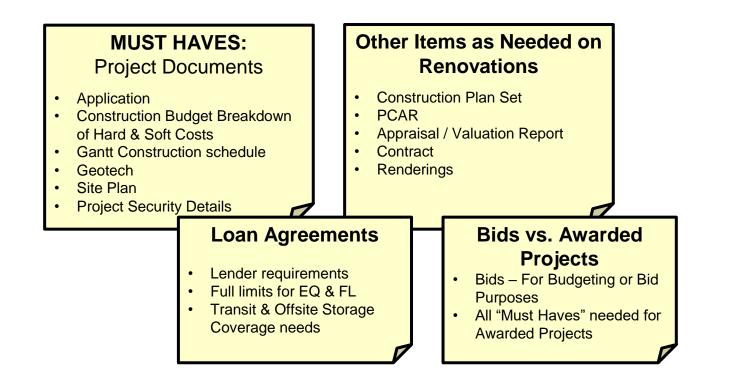


#### OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- Limited Market availability on certain project types
- Historical losses putting pressure on Reinsurance Costs
- Increased Capital Requirements
- Material & Build Costs up substantially from 2 years ago
- Claims Adjustment Cost Increases
- · Lender Requirements



# **Market Submission Info**





# **Considerations for Renovation/Remodel**

## More Detail is Needed in Submission Documents

- Engineering/Architectural Reports and Drawings (Renovations)
- Property Condition Assessment Report (PCAR)
- o Contract Documents
- o Renderings

## **Related Issues to Address**

- Covering Existing Structures
- o ACV vs. Replacement Cost
- Structural vs. Cosmetic/TIB's
- o Capacity Restrictions





## **Important Considerations**

- Who is supplying coverage & what are their Exposures?
  - Contractor, Owner, Developer?
- Pricing Indications on Bid documents vs. Final Docs/GMP's
- Project Security & Loss Mitigation Plans
  - o Security Fencing
  - Monitored Camera System and/or Watch Service now often required
  - Other Loss Mitigation Plans (i.e. Wildfire, Water Damage)
- When Coverage begins and Ends Important to understand policy wording
  - o Occupancy needs on New Builds vs Renovations

#### THESE ITEMS CAN ADD SIGNIFICANT COST TO PROJECTS





## When Coverage Begins

Coverage will begin on the inception date shown on the Builders Risk Declarations and will end on the earliest of the following:

- When your financial interest in the property ends; or
- When the purchaser accepts the property as complete; or
- o The expiration date shown on the Declarations; or
- o The date the policy is canceled; or
- The date you abandon the construction.

## When Coverage Ends

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The insurance provided by this Coverage Form will end when one of the following first occurs:

**a.** This policy expires or is canceled;

**b.** The structure is accepted by the purchaser;

c. Your interest in the policy ceases;

**d.** You abandon the construction with no intention to complete it; or

**e.** Unless we specify otherwise in writing:

(1) 90 days after construction is complete; or
(2) When any structure described in the Declarations or Schedule is occupied in whole or in part; or put to its intended use

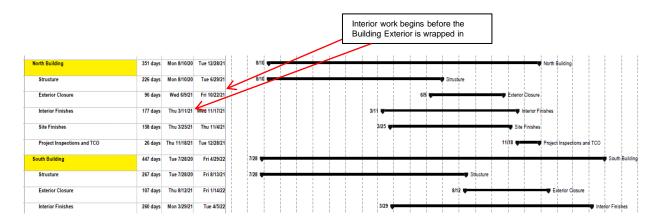


## **Schedule Analysis**

Water Damage – Interior Water Intrusion & All other Water Damage

Why are we seeing increased deductible and loss limits?

Project Schedules are telling the story





## **Term Extensions**

### WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME A PROJECT FINISHED ON TIME?

## Construction Delays / Competitive Bidding / Unrealistic Schedules

- Is that a realistic timeline? <u>Importance of analyzing</u> <u>schedule</u>.
- Use recent & similar Projects as a guide on construction terms
- Plan for contingencies (Price Overruns)
- Anticipate interruptions and labor shortages
- Approx. 65% of Project Extensions post any initial policy allowance are done at increased rates
- Are pre agreed extension offerings still available?





# **Question and Answers**



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