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Does Coworking Insurance Cover My Business in Quebec?

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Executive Summary

A coworking operator's building and liability arrangements, a member business's policies, an employer's workplace obligations, and an individual's personal insurance answer different questions. A membership card, address, or tour does not establish that the operator's policy insures the member's laptop, professional advice, client data, or lost revenue. The reliable answer to **does coworking insurance cover my business in Quebec** is conditional: read the signed membership agreement, obtain the operator's written description of its insurance requirements and incident process, then ask a licensed insurance professional to confirm the member's own policy wording, insured name, locations, exclusions, and endorsements. Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) says no policy covers every possible event. (www.ibc.ca) The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) calls the policy a legal contract, and says exclusions identify what it does not cover. (www.canada.ca) (www.canada.ca)

This guide starts with **seven events**: a visitor injury, missing equipment, damage to operator property, a client loss after professional advice, exposed information, an employee injury, and an interruption after a building loss. Commercial general liability, business property, professional liability, cyber, and business interruption are possible vocabulary for the broker conversation, never promises that a claim will be paid. IBC lists bodily injury and property damage as liability exposures and explicitly identifies tools used off site as possible business property. In Quebec, CNESST says ordinary employer and worker responsibilities continue in telework, and its guidance specifically contemplates an **espace collaboratif**. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca)

The context is significant but does not establish an insurance market size. Statistics Canada measured **11.4%** of employed Canadians working exclusively from home and **9.8%** in hybrid arrangements in **May 2026**. (www150.statcan.gc.ca) (www150.statcan.gc.ca) A Quebec statistical series counts **1,024,273** active business locations in **December 2025**, but counts locations rather than distinct legal firms. (statistique.quebec.ca) (statistique.quebec.ca) Neither series measures coworking membership or the share of members with adequate insurance. The practical output is a written file: member declarations and policy wording, operator answers and any certificate, an asset inventory, employee incident contacts, and client contract requirements. A Quebec insurance representative should explain limitations and exclusions for the particular business, while a privacy officer and employer handle their separate duties. (chad.ca) (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca)

The strongest red flag is a claim of automatic coverage without the named insured, covered activity, location, property, trigger, and exclusions in writing. Two published Canadian operator agreements illustrate why a reader must ask: one addresses member equipment and certificates explicitly; another sets its own member liability requirement. Those are examples of contract variation, not statements about any other space.

Introduction and Background

A shared desk can look like an office, but the paperwork behind it can describe a licence, a service package, or a more specific occupation arrangement. Insurance questions arise at the boundary between the physical place, the member's work, the people invited into it, and the systems used there. IBC says **where a business operates** changes its risk profile, and lists property, liability, equipment, and extra expense as different considerations. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) The same desk can therefore raise distinct questions for the building operator, the incorporated consultant using it, a client attending a meeting, and an employer placing staff there.

This report addresses freelancers, incorporated consultants, and small employers using coworking in Quebec. It uses **“operator insurance”** for policies bought by the workspace business, **“member insurance”** for the member business's policies, and **“employer duties”** for occupational obligations that do not disappear because a worker is in shared space. These labels are a responsibility map, not a prediction of a later legal or insurance finding. A published coworking contract may allocate damage, guests, and proof of insurance in detail, but only the current agreement for the selected workspace can establish its rules. For example, one Canadian operator says it can provide a certificate on request, while another expressly requires member commercial general liability. (10carden.ca) (members.suiteworks.ca)

There is a particular trap in the word **“covered.”** A certificate can summarize the existence of an insurance contract, while the policy and endorsements contain its operative clauses. Quebec's financial regulator makes that distinction in its explanation of insurance documents. (lautorite.qc.ca) (lautorite.qc.ca) A verbal assurance that “the space is insured” does not identify the member as an insured party or resolve a theft, a professional error, a privacy incident, or income lost during an outage. The questions below are designed to produce written, claim-specific answers without suggesting a universal policy limit or product.

Responsibility Boundaries and Coverage Vocabulary

Start with the party and the affected interest

The **operator** controls the building arrangements, access systems, common areas, and its own property and operations. The **member business** controls its services, staff instructions, portable equipment, client information, and its policy disclosures. An **employer** also has workplace health and safety responsibilities for employees; an individual freelancer may have a different legal and insurance position. A **client** can impose contract terms for insurance or confidentiality. These boundaries overlap in an incident, so the first question is whose property, body, data, or income was affected and whose conduct or premises is implicated. CNESST says work health and safety law applies to telework, while Quebec's privacy commission says a business remains responsible for personal information it holds even when a third party stores it. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca)

A coworking address must also be described accurately to an insurer. Quebec's enterprise register distinguishes an elected address for receiving documents from an **establishment**, a place where business activities occur. (www.quebec.ca) (www.quebec.ca) A virtual office or mailbox can supply an address service without showing where equipment is stored or employees work. A broker should be given the actual work locations, any regularly stored property, and the address used on each policy declaration. A provider's website can confirm its service menu, but it cannot establish a member's insurance coverage. For instance, **2727 Coworking** advertises a Montreal business address alongside hot desks and private offices; its virtual tour describes meeting rooms and workspaces. (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com)

Translate events into policy questions

Commercial general liability (CGL) is the starting term for a third party's bodily injury or property damage arising from business interaction. IBC says such liability may also include defence costs, but the actual policy wording and exclusions control. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) Ask whether the member's activities, invited visitors, and damage to premises in its care are within the policy. An operator's CGL may answer an operator claim, but its existence says nothing by itself about a member's insured status.

Commercial property and equipment coverage addresses the member's physical assets under specified conditions. IBC lists computers and electronics, and notes that tools and equipment used off site can be insured. It also cautions that equipment taken away from home may not be covered under a homeowner's policy. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) A tenant or homeowner policy is a personal contract, so a business must ask whether it has a business property extension, what location and transit terms apply, and whether the asset is owned, leased, or client owned. One insurer's Quebec home business extension is an example of a possible product structure, not proof that another personal policy works the same way. (www.optimum-general.com)

Professional liability, often called **errors and omissions (E&O)**, concerns paid services or advice and the resulting professional claim. IBC says policy definitions of “professional” can vary and home insurance does not address paid professional liability. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) The broker should read the actual service description, territorial and timing clauses, exclusions, and any client's contract. Regulated occupations can add mandatory rules: the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) says the financial representatives it regulates must hold compliant professional liability insurance, while the Barreau du Québec describes compulsory participation for its members subject to exemptions. Those examples cannot be transferred to every consultant. (lautorite.qc.ca) (www.barreau.qc.ca)

Cyber and privacy coverage raises questions about response costs and third party demands after unauthorized access or disclosure. IBC lists information exposure and remediation as possible cyber exposures, but coverage is not a substitute for Quebec privacy duties. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) The Commission d'accès à l'information says a business must keep a confidentiality incident register and, where the statutory serious-harm threshold is met, notify the Commission and affected people. (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca) A member should ask who acts as privacy lead, where client data is accessed, and how a shared network or shared printer is handled. The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security advises regular asset inventories and tested recovery processes. (www.cyber.gc.ca) (www.cyber.gc.ca)

Business interruption and extra expense are separate questions after operations stop. IBC describes interruption income as linked to an insured loss and notes that a data or utility outage may not meet a physical damage condition in many policies. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca) Extra expense can potentially address a temporary location during repairs, but only on the terms of a purchased policy. (www.ibc.ca) The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) recommends planning the cost of temporary office space in business recovery. (www.bdc.ca)

Incident Matrix: Ask, Document, Then Confirm

The matrix is a practical sorting device. Each **member policy question** asks about a possible coverage path; none asserts that the policy will respond. The “operator document” column calls for the current agreement, any available certificate, or a written process. The employer column applies when employees are involved. CNESST's sample telework policy explicitly raises equipment responsibility, movement to a shared workspace, confidential information, and injury reporting. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca)

Table 1 maps seven hypothetical events to the people and records needed before a broker can give a useful answer.

Event (hypothetical example)	Property, person, or data affected	Party controlling key risk	Operator document to request	Member policy question	Employer or CNESST action	Client contract check	Evidence to retain
Visitor slips during a meeting	Visitor and possible third party injury	Operator for common area; member for invitation and activity	Current guest rules, incident procedure, operator insurance contact	Does CGL address this activity, visitor, location, and defence?	Employee should report any related workplace event under employer procedure	Required CGL evidence or visitor rules	Time, exact location, witness names, photos, notification record
Laptop disappears or is damaged in transit	Member or employer owned equipment	Owner or custodian, plus operator for access controls	Security and property clauses, access log process	Are theft, accidental damage, off site use, transit, and deductible addressed?	Notify manager if employer equipment; CNESST's sample policy addresses theft or loss. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca)	Client owned equipment or data restrictions	Serial number, purchase proof, last known location, police or operator report
Member damages a desk or shared fixture	Operator property	Member's activity and operator's property controls	Damage and indemnity clauses, condition report	Does property damage to premises or property in care fall within CGL?	Report through workplace incident procedure if staff involved	Indemnity promise passed through from client?	Before and after photos, invoice, signed terms

Event (hypothetical example)	Property, person, or data affected	Party controlling key risk	Operator document to request	Member policy question	Employer or CNESST action	Client contract check	Evidence to retain
Advice leads to a client financial loss	Client's financial interest	Member's professional work	Permitted-use clause if the activity is regulated or restricted	Do E&O definitions, retroactive date, activity, and territory fit?	Preserve work and escalation records	Required E&O form, named entity, reporting deadline	Engagement letter, advice trail, version history
Confidential data is exposed	Client or employee personal information	Member's processing, shared system controls	Network, printing, access and incident contacts	Do cyber wording and privacy response services fit?	Activate employer privacy process; record incident under Quebec rules. (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca)	Security and notification terms	Access logs, affected data map, response decisions
Employee is hurt while working	Employee's health	Employer and site operator each control parts of environment	First aid and site incident procedure	Ask how liability and workers' compensation duties interact; do not assume CGL replaces either	First aid, prompt employer notice, register and CNESST process. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca)	Client on site safety rules if applicable	Incident time, location, witnesses, medical and report records
Building loss interrupts work	Member income and continuity	Operator for premises; member for recovery plan	Outage, relocation and access clauses	Is there an insured physical damage trigger, waiting period, extra expense, and alternate site cover?	Arrange safe alternate work and staff communications	Service continuity commitments	Closure notice, revenue records, alternate site receipts

The matrix does not determine fault. It separates immediate fact collection from policy interpretation. In a live event, preserve evidence and notify the proper people promptly; IBC advises complete details after theft, accident, or property damage. (www.ibc.ca) A member should avoid promising a client that insurance will pay until the insurer and broker have reviewed the contract and facts.

Membership Agreement, Workspace Type, and Evidence Pack

Read the agreement as a risk allocation document

A member should inspect the **signed and current** agreement for indemnity, liability caps, damage charges, prohibited activities, guests, after hours access, security promises, property left on site, outages, relocation, and insurance requirements. These are contract questions before they are insurance questions. A published Canadian coworking agreement says its operator can provide a certificate on request and may ask to be named as an additional insured on a member policy. (10carden.ca) Another published workspace agreement requires customer CGL and additional insured status. (members.suiteworks.ca) Those examples show the kind of clause to look for; neither governs a Quebec membership at another operator. A limitation clause's legal effect is not automatic merely because it appears in a contract. (educaloi.qc.ca)

Ask the operator to identify its **legal contracting entity**, the document version, insurance requirements, and how it records an incident. Ask whether the operator offers a certificate, what it verifies, and whom to contact for a claim. An operator certificate can help identify the operator's policy but does not make the member a named insured by itself; a member's own declarations and endorsements deserve separate review. IBC says declarations identify the insured and policy period, while endorsements can expand or restrict scope. (www.ibc.ca) (www.ibc.ca)

Workspace products should be described to the broker by actual use. *Table 2* compares arrangements by the facts a member needs to disclose. The named provider row is a factual example of available workspace formats, with no inference about its insurance.

Workspace arrangement	What the member should disclose to the broker	Operator proof or agreement question
Hot desk used occasionally	Days on site, client visits, portable equipment, storage elsewhere	Guest access, lockers, property left overnight, incident contact
Dedicated desk or private office	Regular use, stored assets, keys, signage, employees, client traffic	Damage allocation, access control, outage and insurance clauses
Virtual address or mailbox	Real work location, mailing address, mail handling and any meeting room use	Distinguish address service from workspace access; request current terms. (www.quebec.ca)
2727 Coworking, Montreal	Website lists hot desks, private offices and a business address; disclose the particular subscribed service and actual work location. (2727coworking.com)	Obtain its current signed terms and written operator answer; the website and tour describe services, not member coverage. (2727coworking.com)

The table compares **disclosure questions**, not premiums or a coverage ranking. A virtual address may be useful for receiving documents, but Quebec's register distinguishes that function from an establishment where activities occur. (www.quebec.ca) (www.quebec.ca) Members using a virtual office should therefore ask the broker how the business's real premises, equipment storage, meetings, and remote work are listed. Do not treat an address on a website or invoice as automatic proof of insured premises.

Build an evidence pack before an incident

A practical file should contain the **member policy declarations**, complete wording and endorsements, any certificate requested by a client, the current operator agreement, the operator's written answers and certificate if available, employee remote-work approval, privacy incident contacts, and an equipment inventory. Quebec's Chambre de l'assurance de dommages says commercial protections should be assessed case by case and the representative should explain limitations and exclusions. (chad.ca) (chad.ca) The AMF register can be used to check a firm's status or an individual's right to practise. (lautorite.qc.ca)

Include contract requirements from each material client: named insured, covered service, certificate wording, additional insured request, notice obligation, and document retention. A client request is a contractual demand, not evidence that the member's policy has been changed. The broker should confirm whether an endorsement is available or needed. An inventory should connect values to proof; the BDC recommends photos and serial numbers for assets in recovery planning. (www.bdc.ca) IBC similarly advises detailed notes and documentation after loss. (www.ibc.ca)

Table 3 is a compact hypothetical inventory template for member owned, leased, and client owned equipment. Keep supporting files securely rather than storing sensitive client data in this public worksheet.

Item and custodian (hypothetical example)	Owner and identifier	Normal site and movement	Replacement value and proof	Broker question
Laptop and charger	Business; model and serial number	Home, coworking, travel	Invoice, dated photo, current replacement estimate	Is transit, theft, accidental damage, and off site use within wording?
Client owned device	Client; asset tag	Meeting room and locked storage	Client handover record and value	Is property of others in care covered or excluded?
Employer provided monitor	Employer; inventory tag	Dedicated desk	Employer purchase record	Which entity insures it, and what is the worker's reporting duty?
Backup drive or secure token	Business; identifier only	Carried between sites	Receipt and replacement cost	Are physical replacement and data restoration treated separately?

The template is deliberately about **facts that can be proved**, not assumed insured values. Review it when buying or retiring equipment. The Chambre de l'assurance de dommages specifically identifies newly acquired computers and other equipment as a reason insured property values can change at renewal. (chad.ca)

Employees, Clients, and the Written Question Lists

When the member is an employer

Quebec telework guidance says the rights and duties of employers and workers remain substantially the same outside the traditional office. CNESST's policy guide asks employers to clarify whether a worker may shift to a shared workspace, who supplies equipment, and how confidential information is protected. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) A coworking arrangement therefore belongs in the employer's work-location approval, prevention process, equipment rules, and incident contact list. CNESST says identified telework risks should enter the prevention program or action plan. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca)

If an employee is injured, immediate care and notification take priority over guessing which policy applies. CNESST instructs workers to inform the employer promptly, and employers to supply first aid and record the accident or incident. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) CNESST says it applies the same assessment rules to occupational injuries in telework as elsewhere. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) The employer should keep the operator's site report, witness details, approved work schedule, and its own accident register. The member's CGL, the operator's CGL, and the occupational injury process should not be treated as interchangeable.

For client data, the employer or business should set authorized-device, access, printing, and response rules. Quebec's privacy commission states that responsibility for personal information can continue even when a third party stores it. (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca) A cyber policy question is only one part of that response. The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security recommends a recovery plan that names response team members and their roles. (www.cyber.gc.ca) For shared internet access, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority advises extra care with work systems on public networks. (www.cira.ca)

Ten questions for a licensed Quebec commercial broker

Give the broker the operator's actual agreement, activity description, client contracts, staff count, and inventory. The Chambre de l'assurance de dommages describes a representative's duty to analyze business needs and explain restrictions. (chad.ca)

1. **Insured entity:** Is the named insured the sole proprietor, corporation, employer, or another entity that signs the coworking and client contracts?
2. **Work locations:** Which home, coworking, client, travel, and storage sites are declared, and how does a virtual address affect the declarations?
3. **Visitors:** How does CGL wording treat invited clients, common areas, meeting rooms, and the member's activities?
4. **Operator property:** What does the wording say about rented premises, property in care, damage charges, and contractual indemnity?
5. **Equipment:** Are owned, leased, employer owned, and client owned items addressed at the desk, in transit, and off site?
6. **Professional services:** Does E&O describe the actual advice or deliverables, and do timing and territory match the client contract?
7. **Cyber response:** Which information incidents and response costs are within the policy, and how do privacy obligations still operate?
8. **Interruption:** What insured loss trigger, waiting period, restoration period, and extra expense terms apply if the site closes?
9. **Evidence:** Can the broker issue a certificate or written confirmation that matches client and operator demands, and is an endorsement required? (chad.ca)

10. **Renewal:** Which asset, staffing, service, or location changes should be reported before the next renewal? (chad.ca)

These are requests for **written interpretation of specific wording**. The answer may be a change to an existing policy, a separate policy, or a statement that the risk is not insured. The guide does not infer a suitable limit, deductible, or premium from the workspace type.

Ten questions for the workspace operator

A membership decision should also produce an operator record, because published agreements can differ on property, visitor, and insurance requirements. (10carden.ca)

1. **Contract:** What is the current agreement and legal name of the contracting operator?
2. **Insurance:** What coverage must a member maintain, and must the operator be an additional insured?
3. **Certificate:** Can the operator share its certificate or a written description of its relevant coverages and exclusions?
4. **Guests:** What are the access, registration, supervision, and meeting-room rules for clients and visitors?
5. **Property:** Who records damage to furniture, keys, lockers, or shared equipment, and how are charges calculated? (10carden.ca)
6. **Security:** What access logs, cameras, storage rules, and incident reports are available after a loss?
7. **Outage:** What notice, alternate-space, and refund or service-credit terms apply during an interruption? (10carden.ca)
8. **Employees:** What site first-aid contacts and incident process can an employer give its staff?
9. **Data:** What rules govern shared networks, printers, mail handling, and access by operator staff?
10. **Change control:** How will members learn when agreement terms, permitted use, or insurance requirements change?

Record the answer date and the person responding. A tour, amenities page, or sales email can describe facilities but is a poor substitute for the signed agreement and policy evidence. The operator should answer what its documents actually say, and the broker should answer what the member's policy actually says.

Data Analysis and Evidence

No verified public series in this research measured **Quebec coworking insurance uptake**, member claims, or the proportion of coworking members covered by an operator policy. A keyword estimate is not a policy purchase count. The available figures instead establish the scale of flexible work and of small business activity, with strict limits on what can be inferred. Statistics Canada's **May 2026** Labour Force Survey reported **78.8%** of employed Canadians working exclusively outside home, **11.4%** exclusively from home, and **9.8%** in hybrid arrangements. (www150.statcan.gc.ca) (www150.statcan.gc.ca) (www150.statcan.gc.ca) Those categories do not identify coworking users, and the geography is Canada rather than Quebec.

The Institut de la statistique du Québec reported **1,024,273** active statistical business locations in **December 2025** and said the Montreal census metropolitan area contained **50.1%** of Quebec locations with employees. (statistique.quebec.ca) (statistique.quebec.ca) Its unit is a statistical location, so it cannot be equated to a count of insured firms. (statistique.quebec.ca) Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada separately reported **228,622** Quebec small employer businesses in **December 2024**, using an employer-business unit and a different observation date. (ised-isde.canada.ca) Treating the two totals as a trend would be a category error. The figures do, however, explain why a member guide has to handle both independent operators and employers without treating them as the same insured entity.

Statistics Canada's fourth-quarter **2025** business survey reported that **26.4%** of Canadian employer businesses expected insurance cost to be an obstacle over the next three months. (www150.statcan.gc.ca) This is a general business sentiment measure, not a coworking premium, a coverage rate, or a reason to reduce protection. For a member, the economic decision is narrower: document property replacement cost, likely interruption expenses, client contract obligations, and the service activity, then ask a licensed representative what the actual wording and available options mean. IBC identifies stock and equipment as property insurance considerations. (www.ibc.ca) The BDC says recovery planning can include the estimated cost of temporary office space. (www.bdc.ca)

The more useful comparison is therefore a **coverage evidence audit**, not a market average. A certificate identifies insurance but does not reproduce every policy condition; the full wording and endorsements matter. (lautorite.qc.ca) (lautorite.qc.ca) A declared address may be for receiving documents, while business activity occurs elsewhere. (www.quebec.ca) The employer's telework duties continue wherever approved work happens. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) These are measurable file fields, even when no trustworthy coworking insurance market statistic exists.

Implications and Future Directions

The immediate implication for a freelancer is to turn a vague assurance into a **claim pathway**. For each plausible event, identify the affected party, the contract clause, the insurer contact, and the record needed to report it. This is especially useful for portable equipment: IBC expressly lists off-site business tools as insurable property, yet separately warns that a home policy may not follow equipment away from home. The only safe conclusion is to ask about the particular policy's off-site, transit, theft, and deductible terms.

For an employer, the arrangement should be part of work-location approval and injury response. CNESST specifically includes shared workspaces in its telework policy guidance and says ordinary reporting rules apply regardless of the work site. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) The employer should know who at the operator supplies first aid, who records the scene, and how the worker contacts the employer. For a business handling client data, Quebec privacy duties and a cyber policy review should proceed together. A business remains responsible for information held by a third party, and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security recommends testing backups and recovery. (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cyber.gc.ca)

The membership agreement deserves the same renewal discipline as a policy. Compare the current version with the prior one, update guest and storage practices, and obtain written answers to any insurance requirement. Published agreements show variation in certificate requests, additional insured clauses, and property allocations. (members.suiteworks.ca) When services, employees, equipment, or clients change, revisit the broker's description of the risk. The Chambre de l'assurance de dommages highlights changes in equipment values as a renewal issue. (chad.ca)

One-page renewal checklist:

- **Entity and activity:** Match the legal insured name to membership and client contracts; list services actually performed.
- **Places:** Confirm every regular work, storage, client, travel, and virtual-address role with the broker.
- **People:** Update employee counts, approved coworking sites, emergency contacts, and guest procedures.
- **Assets:** Refresh serial numbers, ownership, location, replacement values, invoices, and photographs. (www.bdc.ca)
- **Liability:** Recheck visitor, operator-property, professional-service, and contractual obligations.
- **Data:** Update privacy lead, incident register, access rules, backup tests, and cyber wording. (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cyber.gc.ca)
- **Continuity:** Estimate alternate office cost and review the physical damage trigger and extra expense terms. (www.bdc.ca)
- **Evidence:** Save declarations, wording, endorsements, certificates, written operator answers, and renewal dates.

Future product wording, operator terms, and Quebec guidance may change. The durable method is to repeat this checklist at each renewal and whenever a material work arrangement changes. An unresolved named-insured, location, professional-service, or employee-injury question calls for **written advice from a licensed Quebec broker** and, for disputed contract or employment duties, an appropriately qualified Quebec lawyer. AMF provides a register to verify authorization to practise. (lautorite.qc.ca)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Does coworking space insurance cover members in Quebec?

The operator may insure its own premises and liabilities, but a member's insured status and the scope of any protection depend on the actual operator policy, certificate, and signed agreement. Published Canadian agreements vary: one expressly addresses member equipment; another requires members to maintain CGL. Request documents and ask a licensed broker to interpret the member's own coverage.

Is tenant insurance enough for a coworking business?

A personal tenant or homeowner policy should not be assumed to insure paid professional work or portable business equipment. IBC warns that home insurance may not cover equipment away from home and says professional liability is not a home-policy benefit. Ask whether a business extension or separate business policy addresses the actual risk; the answer depends on wording and ownership. A Quebec insurer markets one home business extension, illustrating that personal-policy options can be structured differently. (www.optimum-general.com)

What about a virtual office or business address?

An address service does not establish where work occurs or property is kept. Quebec's registry distinguishes an elected address for documents from an establishment where activities occur. (www.quebec.ca) (www.quebec.ca) Tell the broker where staff work and equipment is stored, and whether a meeting room is actually used. The address should be represented accurately in declarations and client documents.

What proof can a client request?

A client may ask for a certificate, named-insured details, activity description, or an endorsement. The certificate is evidence about an insurance contract, while the policy contains its conditions; the broker must check the exact contractual request. (lautorite.qc.ca) (lautorite.qc.ca) IBC says endorsements may alter coverage scope.

Conclusion

A coworking membership answers a workspace need; it is not a substitute for reading the operator agreement and the member business's own policies. The right question is specific: **which party's policy, for which person or property, at which location, after which event, under which wording?** The answer may differ for an injured visitor, missing laptop, damaged operator property, client advice claim, exposed data, employee injury, and business interruption. IBC's account of distinct property, liability, equipment, and extra-expense needs supports that separation.

The member can make the review efficient by assembling declarations, policy wording, endorsements, the current membership terms, operator answers, an inventory, employee procedures, and client requirements. The broker can then confirm what is insured and where the gaps remain. Quebec's insurance professional body emphasizes case-by-case evaluation and explanation of exclusions. (chad.ca) (chad.ca) Employers should separately maintain telework safety and incident procedures, and businesses handling personal information should maintain their Quebec privacy response process. (www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca) (www.cai.gouv.qc.ca)

The result should be a **written, current answer**, not an assumption based on a building being insured or an address appearing on a business card. If a broker cannot identify the named insured, location, event trigger, and relevant exclusion from the policy documents, the member should obtain a written clarification before relying on the proposed coverage.

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