

"Give me some examples of claims a charity like mine could face."

The charitable wing of a local sports club is set up to raise money to teach kids with disabilities. Sadly the club runs into financial trouble. Faced with closure, the trustees hand over a large sum of money to keep it afloat.

Eventually the Charity Commission gets wind of this and launches a formal investigation. It finds the trustees liable because they used charity money for the larger sports club. Rather than for charitable means.

Claim made for breach of trust Insurer settled: £52,000 What you'd need: Trustees' liability insurance A small charity, set up to rehome unwanted animals, hires a room in a manor hall to host a coffee morning to raise money.

During the event an antique table top is badly scratched. The owners of the manor house claim against the charity.

Claim made for property damage
Insurer settled: £2,700
What you'd need:
Public liability insurance

The tenant in an apartment run by a housing association is seriously attacked by another tenant. The victim successfully sues the housing association, as they didn't carry out a full check of the attacker's background.

Claim made for criminal assault
Insurer settled: £7,000
What you'd need:
Professional indemnity
insurance

The members of a charitable trust organise a bring and buy sale on a school playing field to raise money for a local hospice. During the day it rains. A lady slips over and badly hurts her back, taking 3 months to fully recover.

She launches a claim, successfully arguing that signs should've been put out to warn that grass can be slippery when wet (yes, this really happened).

Claim made for personal injury
Insurer settled: £900
What you'd need:
Public liability insurance

