



Drone / UAV Insurance for the Mining Industry

The use of drones in mining operations can be extremely beneficial. For tasks such as surveying and detailing geological conditions, the use of a drone or UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) can provide mining operations with increased efficiency, generate more comprehensive data, assist with exploration planning, and enhance coordination amongst teams on the worksite.

Drone Insurance for Mining and Exploration Activities

Due to the aerial nature of drones and UAVs, coverage for the operation of drones is not provided by typical Commercial General Liability policies. In fact, many Commercial General Liability policies have broad aviation exclusions, which include drones and UAVs. Therefore, a separate drone insurance policy is needed to ensure you are properly protected against your liability for loss or damage. Alternatively, if you qualify for the **Axis Insurance Exploration Liability Policy**, full coverage including vicarious liability can be included at minimal cost.

Have questions? We have the answers.

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Drone Usage by Independent Contractors

If your mining operations include the operation of drones by independent contractors, you may still have a vicarious liability that arises out of the contractor's negligence while they are working on your behalf.

For contractors who are operating drones on your project and worksite, you should implement sub-contractor controls including:

1. Require the sub-contractor to obtain drone liability insurance
2. Ask to be added as an additional Insured
3. Request proof of insurance in the form of a certificate of insurance
4. Be aware of government rules and regulations in the jurisdiction in which you are working
In Canada there are specific legal requirements/restrictions that must be adhered to while operating drones for commercial usage:
<https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety/flying-your-drone-safely-legally>
5. Inform your insurer if drones are being used in connection with your exploration programs, whether directly by your employees or through independent contractors

Customized Plan Options

Axis Mining Programs offer a wide range of coverage that can be tailored to suit your mining operation needs with respect to commercial drone/UAV usage.

To see what plan options are available to you along with a quote, please contact us and we can help you find the right coverage to meet your needs.

Next Step?

Let's engage in dynamic discussion around the factors and variables that are unique to your business so we can obtain the best product, from reliable and stable insurers to meet your needs.

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Mining Team

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Clive is an insurance risk specialist, investor, entrepreneur, and product developer for bespoke insurance risks. For over 15 years Axis Insurance enjoyed a reputation for quality, innovation, creativity and relationship building.

Clive began his Insurance career at Lloyd's of London, renowned for its technical underwriting expertise and a creative approach to risk, providing him with opportunities to push the boundaries of product innovation. Moving to the West Coast of Canada, he has expanded his broad Insurance knowledge and London market relationships to produce products for Canadian clients working across the globe.

Clive has worked extensively with public companies with a strong focus on mining and mineral exploration industry, addressing the broad range of risk exposures they face worldwide. Dynamic business enterprises are starved for the innovation and market relationships Clive can deliver. As an entrepreneurially-minded investor himself, he is embracing new technology and the shifting business landscape to stimulate new market capacity and technically efficient insurance products for the new business era.

Stacey Copeland



Stacey is an account executive with 30 years of experience focused in the resource-based industry in Western Canada. Stacey joined Finning International in 1997 after 7 years at AON, and was quickly promoted to a management position with a mandate to build a highly competitive insurance facility for Finning customers. A combination of high service excellence, successful claims management, and expanded insurance offering meant a fivefold increase in net profitability.

Stacey joined Axis Insurance in 2005 as a senior shareholder and partner, immediately helping the company grow through a series of strategic acquisitions and partnerships and was instrumental in the sale of the company in 2016 to the Vertical Group, now renamed the Axis Group. Although specializing in mining, mineral exploration, forestry and energy sectors, Stacey has expanded her knowledge to include construction, transportation, cryptocurrencies, blockchain and other emerging markets and technology risks.

She aligns herself with clients that are best in class and embraces their technical challenges, meets their high service expectations and considers it the ultimate success to place the broadest coverage, at competitive pricing with A+ rated insurers.