

## Re: Liability for co-lo tenants -- non-technical question

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Requiring third parties to have liability insurance is very common. The colo company will have insurance to cover their own employees, but if a non-employee trips over a floor bolt, and cracks their head on a server, they don't want to be sued, for either the personal injury, or for the server damage. It also means that should you vandalize the colo, the colo company knows that they can sue you for at least a million!

Besides it is relatively cheap and easy to get this kind of coverage. The colo company can probably refer you to an insurance company. It will probably be \$250 to \$500 for a years coverage.

Tom

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Eric Brunner-Williams in Portland Maine wrote:

> *Howdy all,*  
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> *My shop (day job) is undergoing a series of major network engineering events,*  
> *and being risk adverse, I decided to put several 1U boxen in a competitor's*  
> *co-lo to run several applications -- a jvm platform, a bind platform, and an*  
> *http plaform -- on a Netra t1 105, a Dell pe350, and an iXsystems 1350, with*  
> *Solaris 5.9, OpenBSD 3.3, and FreeBSD 5.0, resp.*  
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> *To my surprise, my competitor's co-lo sales creature came back with this:*  
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> *> Customer shall, prior to installation of any Customer Equipment (as defined*  
> *> in Rider B) in the Rack Space or access by Customer to the Rack Space,*  
> *> furnish Oxford with certificates of insurance which evidence minimum levels*  
> *> of comprehensive general liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1*  
> *> million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage; employer's*  
> *> liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1 million per occurrence*  
> *> and workers' compensation insurance in an amount not less than that*  
> *> required by applicable law. Prior to installation of any Customer*  
> *> Equipment in the Rack Space, Customer shall cause XXXXXX to be named as an*  
> *> additional insured.*

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- > *Does anyone have any experience that suggests a) that this serves some real*
- > *purpose, and that b) shows some real application of CGLI to a co-lo operator.*
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- > *Thanks in advance, and I'll summarize responses sent off-list*
- > *Eric*
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