

Start a Business In Your Portable Building [Checklist]

Starting a business is an exciting venture, but not one to jump into without serious consideration. There are many steps to not only creating and registering your business, but keeping your business running.

But, this could be the right next step for you and your family! And Cook Portable Warehouses is here to help.

Our portable buildings make an excellent venue for small businesses. People across the country have used our buildings for boutiques, plant nurseries, barbershops and <u>more</u>.

By using your creativity, business sense and entrepreneurial spirit, you can be a success!

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Checklist For Starting A Business In A Cook Portable Building

- 1. Have I created a business plan?
- 2. Do I have the financial cushion I need to start and sustain this business?
- 3. Do I have all the right local, state and federal permits and licenses for both my business and property?
- **4. Am I properly insured?** If the business is being added onto my home property do I need to update my insurance policy?
- 5. Have I discussed this business venture with my tax consultant? Do I know how this will impact my taxes? Do I understand the items I can and cannot write off as business expenses?
- 6. If I have signage directing to my business, is it compliant with local codes?
- 7. Have I taken all the legal steps to be able to hire employees? Do I have the necessary amenities? Ex. bathroom, parking, etc.
- 8. Have I researched and applied for all the available assistance resources to help me save money on startup costs?
- 9. Will my shed and belongings be secure? For extra security measures read <u>here</u>.
- 10. Do I have an existing clientele? If not, how will I begin marketing my products or services?

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There are many things to consider before beginning a business. To understand all of the steps you need to succeed and stay legally compliant, refer to the U.S. <u>Small Business Administration</u>. They have great resources to help you along the process of starting your business.

If you want to buy a Cook portable building to use as your business's headquarters, find a dealer near you!

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