

Project Planning:

Protect your facilities from the ground up

Even minor building projects or renovations can be major investments in your business.

Unfortunately, experience shows that many businesses fail to protect their investments and don't take property loss prevention and insurance into account until it's too late. Often, specification, design and construction deficiencies are built into new projects or renovations, increasing property loss risk from the beginning.

This inherent risk is not only more expensive to fix after-the-fact, but also diverts risk management funding, increases supply chain exposures and has potentially costly consequences on insurance coverage.



With more than 170 years of property loss prevention and insurance expertise, FM Global is keen to partner with its clients to:

- Protect their investments
- Avoid/minimize the property risks associated with any project
- Ensure their insurance coverage keeps pace with their growth

“The goal of FM Global’s project planning process is to work with the client at the beginning stages of a project to identify loss prevention exposures and risks early enough so they can then make the best possible risk improvement decisions based on their business needs, future plans and budget,” said Kenny Kern, senior staff engineering specialist.

Project planning

Through the project planning process, FM Global assists clients in identifying potential risk and exposures associated with new construction projects, expansions or acquisitions so they can then make the best, most cost-efficient and effective property loss protection and insurance decisions. By involving FM Global at the very beginning stages of the project—the conceptual stages—clients can avoid costly mid-project plan and design changes and ensure their insurance policy is kept up-to-date. The FM Global project planning process not only integrates loss prevention and risk avoidance into the initial planning process, but ensures it remains a priority throughout—from site selection to project completion.

“The key is to start thinking about property loss prevention from the very beginning, when sites are being selected and plans are being developed,” said Kern. “The ultimate goal is not risk prevention, but rather, risk avoidance. We can potentially eliminate risk at the beginning of a project rather than addressing it in the later stages.”

A partnership in prevention

FM Global recommendations and suggestions are developed in partnership with clients, and finalized before the first shovel hits the dirt. These requirements are then reflected in the vendor specifications and project plans, not only helping to prevent loss, but also to avoid costly mid-project surprises. As part of the project planning process, FM Global can put its resources to work to:

- Assist in site selection to ensure site-related exposures (flood, earthquake, etc...) are considered from the outset
- Provide cost-effective planning and/or site improvement recommendations to reduce identified risks

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- Identify and assess all property-related risks with your project and assist in incorporating cost-effective solutions into planning

- Measure the role of new facilities or projects on your business continuity and supply chain
- Advise you of all the insurance-related implications of your project or new facility (maximum foreseeable loss, alternative risk transfer options, etc...)
- Help you reconfigure your FM Global insurance policy and coverage, if necessary

Get the facts

Major investment projects present huge logistical challenges—and plenty of opportunity for things to go wrong. By partnering with FM Global at the beginning stages of the planning process, we can work together to make sure you get it right from the ground up.

“Many businesses wind up playing property loss prevention catch-up to correct a deficiency and adjust insurance coverage to compensate,” Kern said. “This is not only costly, but also time-consuming, and could have been easily avoided in the beginning stages.”

To learn more about FM Global’s project planning and find out how it can protect your business, contact your FM Global client service team. ■