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Quick Tips: Expert Answers & Software Shortcuts

Inventory Management

When you record the sale of an inventory item, QuickBooks automatically decreases your inventory quantities and the associated cost on the balance sheet. For instance, when you save an invoice, QuickBooks transfers the cost of each item sold to the cost of goods sold account on your profit and loss statement.

If inventory quantities change because of fire, theft, damage, spoilage, or other events, you need to adjust the item quantities. Most businesses take a physical inventory count at least once a year. Some businesses record the adjustments on an ongoing basis (that is, as the loss occurs). Accurate inventory quantities are vital for keeping items in stock for customers as well as for correct financial statements for owners. Recording inventory losses are also a tax savings to your company. Consult your accountant or tax professional to choose the frequency and manner for adjusting your inventory losses.

Q: How do I compare my actual inventory against my balance sheet inventory account?

A: [Count your inventory items and write the actual quantities on the physical inventory worksheet.](#)

Q: How do I remove non-saleable items from my balance sheet inventory account?

A: [Record an expense on your profit and loss statement by adjusting the inventory item quantity on hand.](#)

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