

Custom PolicyREVIEW

OVERVIEW OF POLICY REVIEW

THREE-LEVEL APPROACH TO LIFE INSURANCE POLICY REVIEW



LEVEL ONE: SAVE MONEY ON WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE

Life insurance is one of the few things that has generally gotten cheaper over the last few years. If you haven't done any cost comparisons, it is likely you could pay less for the coverage you have, get more death benefit for the same cost or find longer guarantees.



LEVEL TWO:

EXAMINE THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR EXISTING PRODUCTS

Based on your annual statements or a projection from your insurance company, your current policy may not be performing up to your expectations when you purchased it. There are elements of your policy that are subject to change, and if left unchecked, your coverage might be in danger of lapse or require significantly more premium than you originally thought.

A policy review now can save you from tremendous problems later. You can examine alternatives and make a fully informed decision about what is right for you and your family.



LEVEL THREE: RE-EVALUATE YOUR LIFE INSURANCE NEEDS

Every day, your financial picture changes a little bit. Sometimes there are major life changes, and sometimes there are smaller events that over time can cause you to drift onto a different course.

If you feel that your plan requires a more significant examination, we can utilize planning tools that will help you get a handle on your total financial picture. While life insurance may only play a small part of this work, you will gain a more holistic perspective.



YOUR NEEDS AND WANTS

- Do you know how much life insurance you need?
- How have your needs changed?
- How much insurance do you need to protect your family?
- What would be an optimal amount of coverage?
- Which of the needs are temporary? When do they go away?
- Will they be replaced by new needs at a later date?
- Which needs are permanent?
- What was the purpose of your insurance when you originally bought it?
- Is that still your purpose or have your priorities changed?

AN ANALYSIS OF YOUR CURRENT COVERAGE

- Has it performed the way it was supposed to?
- Have premiums gone up?
- Have cash values performed near expectations?
- Did your last annual statement notify you that your policy will lapse earlier than expected?
- How has your health changed since you last purchased life insurance?

LIFE EVENTS THAT MAY NECESSITATE A REVIEW

PERSONAL \(\)

- Marriage or wedding
- Birth or adoption
- Death in the family
- Divorce
- Child starting high school or college
- Graduation
- Become the legal guardian for another person
- New job or promotion
- Job layoff
- Change in employment benefits
- Critical illness, injury or disability

- Retirement
- Inheritance or other financial windfall
- Financial setback
- Move, relocated or sold home
- Refinanced home mortgage or opened an equity line of credit
- Purchased vacation home

BUSINESS

- Started your own business
- Sold or closed a business
- Become or added a partner
- Hired a key employee
- Significant change in accounts receivable or payable
- Increased business debt
- Anticipating capital expenditure
- Changed ownership structure
- Preparing for succession or ownership change

- Economic conditions
- Fluctuations in fixed interest rates
- Stock market volatility
- Change in income tax or estate tax code
- Legislative changes that affect the insurance industry