

More Out of Life

The unexpected
benefits of life insurance

LIFE SOLUTIONS

Client Guide

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It's called life for a reason



Life insurance is for the living. It's a selfless act that allows the people we love to have more financial security after we're gone. It can be used to pay for the mortgage or other debt. Or to help a spouse get by without having to take on a second job. Or to put the kids through college. It's a testament to your love.

But life insurance really is for the living. And that includes you, too. Not everyone realizes that it can help you reach goals throughout your life. You can use it to build and protect your wealth. It offers built-in tax advantages that you can tap in to throughout your lifetime. It's a strategy that adds flexibility to your portfolio.

Protect wealth

The death benefit transfers income tax-free and potentially estate tax-free — leaving more for your beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may receive an income tax-free death benefit under IRC Section 101(a)(1).

Access wealth

You can access your policy cash value by taking income tax-free policy loans or withdrawals, provided the policy is not a modified endowment contract (MEC), which won't impact your tax bracket or create tax exposure.¹

Build wealth

Many policies offer cash value potential that can grow, with tax advantages more traditional assets don't have. These tax-advantaged assets may help you accumulate more in the long term.²

¹ Distributions are taken through loans and withdrawals, which reduce a policy's cash surrender value and death benefit and may cause the policy to lapse. Loans are not considered income and are tax-free. Withdrawals and surrenders are tax-free up to the cost basis, provided the policy is not a modified endowment contract (MEC).

² With variable products, policy values will fluctuate and are subject to market risk and to possible loss of principal.

Understanding your options. And opportunities.

The good news is there is a wide variety of policies and benefits available these days. Perhaps the best place to start is to look at two of the most basic types:

Temporary life insurance

Lower cost, guaranteed death benefit coverage for a set period of time

- Your payments stay the same for the coverage period.
- In many cases, you can convert your term policy to permanent life insurance.

Permanent life insurance

Death benefit coverage up to lifetime

- Some policies are **protection-focused**. They offer death benefit protection that may be guaranteed for up to lifetime, but with limited cash value growth potential.
- Some policies are **accumulation-focused**. They combine cash value growth potential with death benefit protection and can give you access to cash value to use throughout your life.¹

A surprising range of benefits

Consider life insurance if you need or want:



Protection for your family

to replace your income or pay the mortgage or other debt



A potential future cash

reserve to pay for your children's college tuitions or other things that come along¹



A tax-efficient retirement supplement,

so you can continue to enjoy your lifestyle¹



A legacy for the next generation or a gift for your favorite charity



Long-term care expense protection to help protect your retirement savings



Protection for your business investment if you own a small business

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But, which type is right for you?

As a rule of thumb, you can base your life insurance needs on your short- and long-term goals. Just keep in mind that you can get more for your money if you purchase it when you're young and healthy.

If you're just starting your career, the term insurance may be enough for now. But as your needs change, like wanting to build wealth, start a family, plan for college tuition or prepare for retirement, that's where permanent life insurance can make a difference.

Designed to meet your evolving needs

	Temporary life insurance	Permanent life insurance
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lower-cost coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cash value growth potential for the futureCoverage to help with long-term care expensesLegacy creation or charitable giving
Types of insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Universal lifeIndexed universal lifeVariable universal lifeSurvivorship universal lifeSurvivorship variable universal life



Protect what
matters most

Did you know?



A smart way to get more for your dollars is to **buy life insurance when you're young.**



May be more affordable than you think. Increasing your term insurance could cost less than a monthly utility bill.



1 in 10 U.S. households surveyed say they would face **financial hardship within one week if the primary wage earner died.**¹



41% of the American adult population surveyed acknowledge they are **living with a life insurance coverage gap.**¹

¹ LIMRA, "The Facts of Life and Annuities, 2022 Update."

A conversation about the life you want to build

Whether you're looking to purchase your first life insurance policy or build upon what you've already started, your financial professional is there to help. Take a minute to go over this worksheet and then schedule an appointment with your financial professional today.

What are your financial goals?

Select your top five goals. Prioritize them by writing the numbers 1 through 5 next to each goal.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect my family from the financial burden if I'm gone | <input type="checkbox"/> Establish a trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase your personal wealth | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift to a favorite charity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure education funding for your children or grandchildren (number of children) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize your tax risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement your retirement income | <input type="checkbox"/> Income tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement your spouse's retirement income | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create a family legacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a long-term care expense plan |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a long-term care expense plan for your spouse |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Any new events in your life since you last saw your financial professional?

There are certain circumstances that may trigger the need for a change. So, it's important to reevaluate your coverage every year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home purchase | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New baby | <input type="checkbox"/> Business ownership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent joins household | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Choose Lincoln as your partner for life

When it comes to choosing your insurance policy, consider the advantages of your insurance provider. Here's why so many insured Americans turn to Lincoln Financial Group.

- **Options to suit your needs** — We know that everyone's needs are different, so we've built products for any need.
- **Lincoln makes life easy** — From the application process to when you need benefits, we're committed to providing a superior customer experience to you and your loved ones.
- **Experience** — For over a century, millions of Americans have relied on us to help them meet their goals.



Speak with your financial professional today about how life insurance can protect you and your family.

Rely on the strength of Lincoln. We've been helping Americans meet their goals for more than a century.

	The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
AM Best	A (3rd highest of 16)
Fitch	A+ (5th highest of 19)
Moody's	A2 (6th highest of 21)
S&P	A+ (5th highest of 21)

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