What is Insurance?

Insurance is a way to manage your risk. When you buy insurance, you purchase protection against unexpected financial losses.

How insurance helps

The insurance company pays you or someone you choose if something bad happens to you.

If you have no insurance and an accident happens, you may be responsible for all related costs.







Having the right insurance can make a big difference in your life.

Auto insurance

Protects you from paying the full cost for car repairs and medical expenses if you get into an accident.

Disability insurance

Pays you a certain amount of money if you get seriously ill or are injured and unable to work.



Health insurance

Helps you pay for doctor fees and sometimes prescription drugs.



Homeowner's or renter's insurance

Pays you money if your home or possessions are damaged or lost.



Life insurance

Pays a person you select a set amount of money when you die.



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