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## **6 MISTAKES TO AVOID WHEN BUYING LIFE INSURANCE**

**What Every Family Needs to Know Before  
Choosing a Policy**



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# Introduction

## Why this guide matters:

# Why This Guide Matters

Buying life insurance is one of the most important decisions you will ever make, yet most people feel overwhelmed by the process. With so many policy types, pricing differences, and confusing terms, it's easy to:



pay more than you should



choose a policy that doesn't meet your needs



delay taking action because you're unsure where to start

Unfortunately, these mistakes can leave families financially exposed at the worst possible moments.

This guide simplifies the process by showing you the six most common mistakes people make and how to avoid them with confidence.

## What You'll Learn Inside:



How to choose coverage that truly protects your family



How to avoid paying more than necessary



Key differences between term, whole life, and IUL



The #1 factor that can dramatically lower your premiums



How to get coverage without feeling pressured or confused

**At Insured, we believe in education first, sales second.**

**Our mission is to help families make wise, informed, and confident decisions.**

**Let's get started.**

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# MISTAKE #1 &2

## Mistake #2: Choosing the Cheapest Policy Instead of the Right Policy

Life insurance becomes more expensive every year you wait. Even if your health stays stable, your age alone increases your cost. If your health changes even slightly, you could face significantly higher premiums or even denial.



### Why This Matters:

- Rates increase with age sometimes every birthday
- Health changes can happen suddenly and unexpectedly
- Life events (stress, job change, illness, moves) affect insurability
- Waiting often leads to buying less coverage than you really need

### Smart Move:

Apply when you're youngest and healthiest, even if you begin with a smaller policy. You can always add more coverage later.

## Mistake #2: Choosing The Cheapest Policy Instead off the Right Policy

It's tempting to buy the lowest-priced policy you see online—but the cheapest option isn't always the best fit for your long-term financial needs.



- Shorter term lengths



- Fewer benefits



- Less flexibility

- Potential rate increases

### Smart Move:

Ensure your policy can cover:

- ✓ Income replacement
- ✓ Debts and mortgage
- ✓ Ongoing family needs
- ✓ Final expenses
- ✓ Financial stability if something unexpected happens

## Mistake #3: Underestimating How Much Coverage You Need

 Mortgage or rent

 Credit card or personal loans

 Childcare or education

 Final expenses

 Car loans

 Childcare or education

 Medical bills

 Monthly living costs

Family lifestyle and future plans

**Smart Move:**

 Calculate your coverage using your entire financial picture, not just what feels affordable today.

## MISTAKE #4: Not Understanding the Difference Between Term, Whole, and IUL

### Term Life Insurance

- Typically the most affordable
- Provides coverage for a set number of years (10–30)
- Designed for temporary needs or young families
- No cash value component

### Whole Life Insurance

- Designed for lifetime protection
- Includes a built-in cash value component
- Premiums are designed to remain level
- Helpful for long-term planning and legacy goals

### Indexed Universal Life

#### (IUL)

- Flexible lifetime coverage
- Cash value can grow based on a market index (subject to limits and rules)
- Premiums and benefits offer flexibility
- Useful for long-term strategies and future planning

**Smart Move:**

Choose your policy based on your stage of life, goals, and financial needs, not emotions or quick decisions.

## MISTAKE #5: Not Taking Advantage of Living Benefits

 Certain critical illness

 Chronic conditions

 Terminal illness

 Always ask: "Does this policy include living benefits?"

**Smart Move:**

"Does this policy include living benefits?"

## MISTAKES #5 & 6

### Mistake #5: Not Taking Advantage of Living Living Benefits

Many modern policies offer “living benefits,” which allow you to access your policy under certain conditions while you’re still alive.

Certain critical illnesses



Chronic conditions



Terminal illness



#### Smart Move:

“Does this policy include living benefits?”



### Mistake 6: Not Working With Independent Agent

Not all agents can compare multiple carriers. Captive agents represent only one company, which limits your options.



#### Captive Agents May Offer:

- Only their company's pricing
- Limited products
- Fewer underwriting paths
- Less flexibility



#### Independent Agencies Offer:

- Multiple top-rated carriers
- A wide selection of plans
- Competitive pricing options
- Higher approval odds
- Tailored recommendations

### ◆ Bonus Tip 1: Consider Annuities for Retirement Stability

- Income that lasts through retirement
- Protection from outliving their savings
- Options that support long-term planning

## SMART MOVE

Explore annuities if you want a structured plan for retirement income or additional long-term financial stability.

## ADDITIONAL PROTECTION STRATEGIES

### ◆ Bonus Tip #2: Disability Insurance for Income Protection



Disability insurance provides income replacement if an injury or illness prevents you from working. Even temporary loss of income can create financial hardship.

- This type of coverage helps protect:
- Monthly bills
- Family living expenses
- Savings and emergency funds
- Your long-term financial goals

#### Smart move:

Consider disability insurance if you rely on your income to support your household or maintain your lifestyle.

### ◆ Bonus Tip #3: Explore Job Loss & Income Protection Options



Some employers and carriers offer benefits that help support you financially if you experience unexpected job loss. These benefits vary, but they can provide assistance during transitional periods.

They may help with:

- Temporary income
- Bill payments
- Financial stability during unemployment

Review what benefits you already have through your employer and what additional protection may be available through private coverage.

### ◆ Bonus Tip #4: Use Mortgage Protection to Safeguard Your Home



Mortgage protection insurance ensures that your family can stay in your home even if you pass away unexpectedly.

It's often designed to:

- Cover remaining mortgage payments
- Protect your largest asset
- Provide peace of mind during major life changes

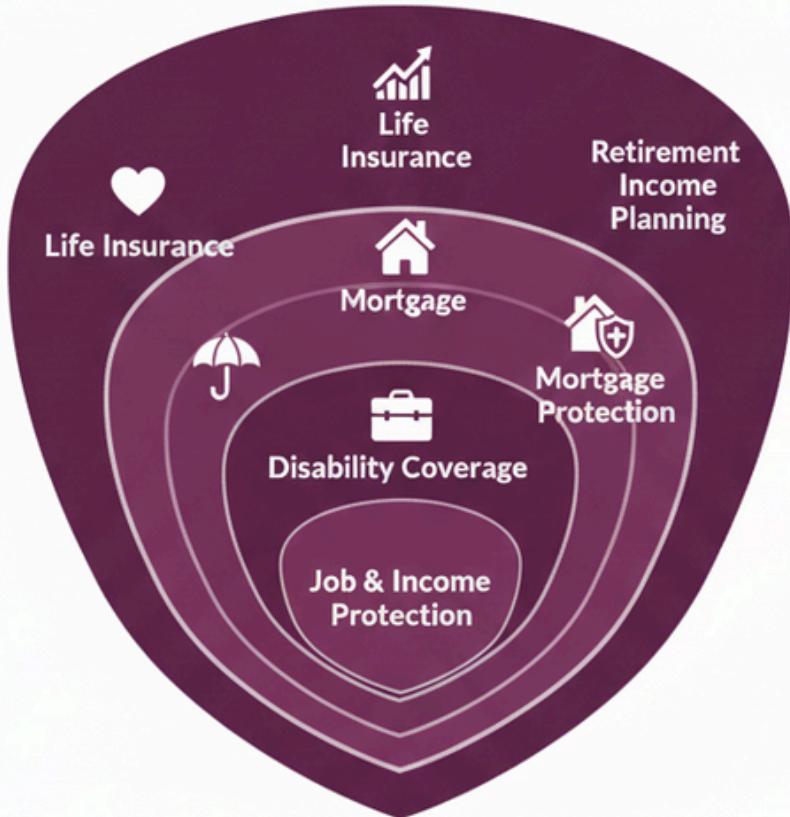
#### Smart move:

If you have a mortgage — especially a new one — consider protection that ensures your home remains secure for your loved ones.

## Final Thought

Protecting your family is about more than choosing one policy. A strong financial safety plan often includes multiple layers of protection that work together:

## FINAL THOUGHT



**When these elements are aligned with your goals, they provide confidence, stability, and peace of mind, no matter what life brings.**

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# Conclusion

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## You're Now Ready to Make a Smart, Confident Decision

You've learned the six most costly mistakes families make when buying life insurance — and how to avoid them.

**The next step is simple:  
Get a Free, No-Obligation Life Insurance Review**

**We will:**

- ✓ Compare rates from top carriers
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