

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO
Form 8-K
February 23, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

February 23, 2005

**American Equity
Investment Life Holding Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

IOWA
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-31911
(Commission
File Number)

42-1447959
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des
Moines, Iowa**
(Address of principal executive offices)

50266
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(515)221-0002**

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release and financial supplement issued by American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the Company) with respect to the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2004. The information in this report, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 23, 2005

**AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson
 Wendy L. Carlson
 Chief Financial Officer and
 General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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**Exhibit
Number**
99.1

Description
Press Release and Financial Supplement for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2004