

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2009  
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): January 20, 2009**

**AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Bermuda</b>	<b>001-04795</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**The Boyle Building, 2nd Floor**

**31 Queen Street**

**Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(441) 296-8560**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) 12 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 240.13e-2(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On January 20, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Registrant, acting pursuant to the Registrant's By-Laws, appointed Harris K. Chorney to the Board of Directors, filling the vacancy left by the previously disclosed resignation of Joseph F. Fisher in October 2008. Mr. Chorney was also appointed to the Audit Committee of the Board.

On January 22, 2009, the Registrant issued a press release announcing Mr. Chorney's appointment to the Board. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. issued January 22, 2009. The information set forth in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: January 22, 2009

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.

Registrant

By:

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Stephen R. Crim  
President/CEO