

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Dated January 20, 2006**

**of**

**AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE  
HOLDINGS, LTD.**

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)*

**Bermuda**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**SEC File Number 001-04795**

**44 Church Street**

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**Hamilton HM HX, Bermuda**

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

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**Other Information**

Update on Presiding Director, Executive Sessions and Certifications

American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. (the Company) holds executive sessions of its non-management directors at each meeting of its Board of Directors and at any other time, as needed. Cody W. Birdwell currently presides over those meetings as presiding director.

We provide various corporate governance and other information on the Company's website at [www.americansafetyinsurance.com](http://www.americansafetyinsurance.com). This information includes:

charters for the committees of the Board of Directors and our corporate governance guidelines, which are available in the Corporate Governance section; and

the Company's Code of Ethics, which is available in the Corporate Governance section.

This information is required by New York Stock Exchange rules to be disclosed in the Company's proxy statement. The Company inadvertently failed to identify Mr. Birdwell as the presiding director at executive sessions in its most recent proxy statement.

Additionally, the Company filed the required 303A.12(a) New York Stock Exchange Certification of its Chief Executive Officer with the New York Stock Exchange following the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Certification).

This information is required by New York Stock Exchange rules to be disclosed in the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders. The Company inadvertently neglected to include disclosure regarding the filing of the Certification in its most recent Annual Report to Shareholders.

**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.

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.

Registrant

Date: January 20, 2006

By: /S/ Stephen R. Crim  
Stephen R. Crim  
President and Chief Executive Officer