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with an annuity



Secure your financial future with guaranteed retirement income

Retirement plans are as individual as the people they support. And the funding methods that worked for previous generations – like a pension or Social Security – may not fully support your financial needs. As times change, it’s important to be aware of all the potential ways you can secure your retirement.

Fortunately, you have many options, including one that may not be as familiar to you as IRAs or 401(k) plans: annuities. So, what is an annuity?¹

You could think of an annuity as your own private retirement

plan that provides a guaranteed source of income over time. An annuity can only be issued by a life insurance company, including Amica Life. Amica offers different types of annuities to meet your specific needs. One way to choose which annuity is right for you is by considering how long you have to invest.

Deferred annuities

Deferred annuities are a great option if retirement is still years away. The value of the annuity accrues, tax-deferred, over time, and you can begin to receive payments when you’re

ready. Deferred annuities can be purchased with one lump-sum payment (single premium) or through payments over time (flexible premium).

Immediate annuities

Immediate annuities might be right for you if you’re already retired or close to it. With this product, you can convert your savings quickly into a guaranteed stream of income for either a specific period of time or for the rest of your life.

At Amica, we believe in the value of peace of mind. Purchasing an annuity from

Amica² is a great way to secure a reliable source of retirement income and get the peace of mind you deserve.

For more tips on navigating this process, please visit

[Amica.com > Products > Retirement > Annuities](#). If you have additional questions, you can consult an annuity specialist by calling **855-808-9193**.

Here are some examples of how annuities could help support you in retirement:

Single Premium Deferred Annuity	Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity	Single Premium Immediate Annuity
Susan moves some money from a savings account and purchases a \$50,000 annuity when she’s 50 years old. If those funds grow at a rate of 2.45%, tax-deferred, ³ she’ll have \$71,887 to convert to a guaranteed stream of income when she’s ready to retire at age 65.	Mike, 45, commits to invest \$1,000 each quarter into a flexible premium deferred annuity for 10 years. At the end of that contribution period, the contract value will amount to approximately \$44,810. ³ If the contract continues to grow at a rate of 2.20%, tax-deferred, he’ll have \$55,710 at the end of 20 years, when he’s reached retirement age.	Vince, 69 and recently retired, chooses to move \$200,000 from his retirement account to a single premium immediate annuity. He chooses a plan that will provide \$1,177 per month through the remainder of his lifetime, based on a rate of 2.85%. ⁴

¹ 15 Things You Need to Know Now About Annuities, U.S. News & World Report, 2019.
² Amica annuity not available in all states. Before purchase of an IRA, you should consult with a tax advisor to ensure that you have selected the best options for your retirement. Guarantees are subject to the claims paying rating of your insurer. Fixed annuities are not insured or guaranteed by any agency that insures deposits.
³ Examples reflect contributions earning a 2.45% rate of return for a single premium deferred annuity and a 2.20% rate of return for a flexible premium deferred annuity. Deferred annuity interest rates are based on average renewal interest rate earned on Amica Life deferred annuity contracts from January 2017 to October 2019. Current interest rates are subject to change without notice. The minimum guaranteed interest rate is 1.00%.
⁴ Example reflects contribution earning a 2.85% rate of return for a single premium immediate annuity. Immediate annuity interest rate is based on average interest rate earned on Amica Life immediate annuity contracts from November 2017 to October 2019. Current interest rates are subject to change without notice. The minimum guaranteed interest rate is 1.00%. Monthly payout continues for the life of the annuitant; all payments cease at the death of the annuitant.



Our Annual Report is going digital!

Our 2019 Annual Report, which will be issued this spring, will be delivered to our customers in a digital format rather than in print.

In addition to doing something good for the environment, we’re excited to tell you about the year using more engaging and interactive content, like videos and infographics.

We’re looking forward to providing you with the same great information through a more modern platform, so stay tuned!

Do you have the right condo coverage? We're here to help.

Many people choose to live in condominiums because they combine the best of renting and home ownership. Condos offer a unit you own, where you can build equity and enjoy community features like pools and fitness centers, while avoiding maintenance tasks like shoveling and mowing.

But when it comes to home insurance, condos can be trickier to get right. We're here to help you understand the nuances of condo insurance.

Condo communities generally have a condo association with a master policy providing coverage for the buildings and common areas in the community. They also include liability coverage for incidents that might occur in shared areas like the fitness center, pool or parking lot.

Individual unit owners then buy personal insurance for the parts

of the unit the master policy doesn't cover, their own personal property and personal liability protection.

The challenge? Not all master policies are the same. They generally come in two different varieties.

An **all-in policy** includes the unit's structure – the walls, ceilings, floors and fixtures (like cabinetry, lighting and appliances) – as it was originally designed. In contrast, a **bare walls policy** covers ceilings and floors only, not fixtures. The type of policy your condo association has will affect the amount of personal coverage unit owners need.

When purchasing a condo, be sure to carefully read the condo association bylaws, which contain the rules that apply to all condo unit owners. This will help you understand which portions of the structure you'll be responsible for.

The association bylaws should also provide information about loss assessments. Often, when a master policy is used to cover a loss, each condo owner must pay a share of the master policy deductible. In addition, you may have to pay a share of any loss amount that exceeds the master policy coverage limits. If a significant loss occurs in the condo community, unit owners could face substantial charges. While there is some coverage for loss assessments in the condo policy, many condo owners add more loss assessment protection through a policy endorsement.

Whether you currently enjoy the many upsides of condo living, or are just venturing into condo ownership, our representatives are here to discuss our products and help you choose the best coverage for your needs.

Preparing for winter in all weather

Much of the U.S. is in for warmer-than-average temperatures this winter, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). That's not to say, however, that there won't be periods of cold and snowfall throughout the winter months. Depending on where you live in the country, the amount of precipitation you see could vary

significantly. Some areas, including Alaska, Hawaii, the Northern Plains, the Upper Mississippi Valley and parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, are predicted to see wetter weather over the winter. Louisiana, parts of Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and parts of northern and Central California are more likely to experience drier-than-average conditions.

Prepare for whatever lies ahead in the coming months with these tips from the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.

For even more tips, download Home Check by Amica™ on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or visit [Amica.com](#).

Heavy precipitation

If your home is not properly winterized, heavy rain or snowfall can result in rot, leaks, water intrusion or ice dams.

- Clear your gutters and downspouts to allow rain and snowmelt to drain with ease.
- Seal exterior cracks or gaps that may allow water to seep in.
- Test your sump pump to ensure it's working properly.
- Keep a roof rake on hand to clear snow and ice from your roofline.
- Close and winterize your swimming pool.

Drought

That's right, even droughts can damage your home. Dry air tries to absorb moisture wherever it can find it, including the structure of your home. This can damage your wood furniture and cause walls, door jambs and windows to shift, creating gaps.

- Consider installing whole-home humidifiers to maintain the moisture in your home, or run portable humidifiers to restore moisture in smaller areas.

Frigid temperatures

Whether you live in Alaska or Hawaii, we all experience a drop in temperatures during the winter months. If temperatures fall below freezing, plumbing can freeze and damage can ensue. If the area you live in is at risk for plunging temperatures, it's important to prepare.

- Seal exterior cracks and gaps to limit heat loss. Doing so will maximize warmth, lower energy costs and prevent the production of ice dams.
- Disconnect and drain exterior plumbing lines, faucets and hoses, insulate pipes and keep your thermostat at the same temperature both day and night to keep pipes from freezing and bursting.



Road safety starts with the windshield

It goes without saying that every safe drive begins with a clear, clean windshield. But most people don't realize that today's windshield does more than repel flying bugs and hold your car's roof in place. From cameras installed behind the glass to sensors embedded within it, your windshield always ensures your car's advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) work properly.

Your car's safety features are complex, and even minor windshield damage can reduce the effectiveness. For instance, the slope of your windshield must be accurate, or misaligned sensors can inaccurately predict and even intervene in traffic situations, causing an accident.

Following a windshield replacement, it's recommended

you consult with a professional windshield repair and replacement technician to decide if you need a full recalibration of your car's safety system that will ensure it operates properly and keeps you safe on the road.

ADAS features may include:

- Collision, lane assist and departure warnings
- Automatic emergency braking (AEB)
- Blind spot monitoring, pedestrian detection
- Proximity monitors and parking assistance
- Adaptive cruise control and light controls
- Driver attention lapse detection

Drive safely this winter

Every season has driving challenges, but winter can present the most treacherous of them all. If you can't avoid getting behind the wheel during inclement weather, follow these tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Safety Council to protect yourself on the road.

Before you drive

Check the forecast: Weather can change quickly, so it's essential to stay updated. Check your local weather and traffic reports before driving so you can determine the best plan of action. Be especially careful in the early morning and late evening, when temperatures are lower and roads are more likely to freeze.

Thoroughly clean off your car: Clear your car entirely of snow and ice, starting at the top and working your way down. Don't forget to brush off your mirrors, headlights, taillights, sensors, cameras and license plates.

Pack a roadside emergency kit: Keep these essentials in

your car for winter-related roadside emergencies:

- Jumper cables
- Snow/ice scraper
- Portable shovel
- Sand or kitty litter
- Blanket

Ensure you have at least a half-tank of gas in your car at all times, and keep your cellphone fully charged and with you. For long trips, remember to bring along food, water and medication.

While driving

Use your headlights: Keep your headlights on, even in the daytime, during snow, rain, sleet or overcast conditions to improve your visibility. As a general rule, remember: wipers on, lights on.

Drive slowly: Drive at a slow but consistent speed, and avoid sudden braking or other maneuvers.

Maintain control: If your vehicle skids, immediately take your foot off the gas and brake, and turn your wheel in the direction the vehicle is sliding. Once you feel traction, straighten your wheels to regain control.

Stay clear of snowplows and sanders: If you find yourself sharing the road with snowplows or sanders, stay well behind them. Only pass on the left if absolutely necessary.

If you're stuck

If your car is stuck, shovel the snow and ice out from in front of it and behind the tires, but only if safe to do so. Spread sand or kitty litter in the area to create traction, then straighten your wheel and try to rock your car free by switching between drive and reverse.

If you find yourself stranded – whether close to others or in an isolated area – the first thing to do is call 911 and report your location and situation. Don't hang up until you know whom you've spoken with and what will happen next. Remain calm, and run the engine for warmth, but for no more than 10 minutes per hour to conserve fuel.

Make sure to leave a window slightly open for ventilation, and don't let the exhaust pipe get clogged. A blocked exhaust can cause carbon monoxide to seep into the vehicle.

Amica received "Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among National Homeowner Insurers, 18 Years in a Row"¹

"I'm so thankful for all our teams
that have worked so hard to provide a
deep commitment to our customers."

– Robert A. DiMuccio
Amica Chairman, President and CEO



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