

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
April 21, 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): April 20, 2009**

**AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Bermuda</b>  | <b>001-04795</b>            | <b>Not applicable</b>                   |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation or Organization) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>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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**Item Departure of Directors of Certain Officers; Election of Directors; appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 31, 2009, William C. Tepe resigned as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. On April 20, 2009, American Safety Administrative Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Mr. Tepe entered into an Agreement and General Release pursuant to which Mr. Tepe will receive (i) severance pay of \$435, payable in equal semi-monthly installments over a 16 month period; (ii) accrued but unpaid base salary and vacation pay, if any; (iii) accelerated vesting of 7,322 shares of restricted stock previously awarded, valued at \$70,320; (iv) reimbursement of the cost of COBRA continuation coverage for up to 16 months, valued at up to \$15,000; and (v) outplacement services for a period of six months.

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

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

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                                 |
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| 10.1               | Agreement and General Release with William C. Tepe |

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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: April 21, 2009

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.

Registrant

By:

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Stephen R. Crim  
President/CEO