

The Top 22 Risk List*

1. **Health Insurance** - have enough for you and your family.
2. **Pension** – is it well-funded?
3. **Social Security Benefits** – consider timing to possibly increase benefits.
4. **High Concentration of Publicly Traded Stock** – risky.
5. **Homeowners Insurance** – evaluate by a third party.
6. **Umbrella Liability Insurance** – extra protection for cars and homes.
7. **College Education Expenses** – for children, grandchildren and possibly others.
8. **Teenage Drivers** – put the title and insurance in their names.
9. **Early Demise** – life insurance on the bread winner(s).
10. **Long-term Illness** – for anyone over 50.
11. **Rental Real Estate** – protect against risk of injury to tenants.
12. **Owning “Toys (boats, planes, RVs, etc.)** – insure heavily and consider 3rd-party holding.
13. **Closely Held Business** – can be illiquid. Succession plan and cash flow are critical.
14. **Disability Insurance** – business owners rarely have enough.
15. **Illiquid Assets** – develop plan to make them liquid when necessary.
16. **Divorce** – plan carefully to avoid surprise inheritance issues.
17. **Blended Family (Yours, Mine & Ours” Family)** – make inheritance clear up front.
18. **No Wills or Trusts** – this is the topic of another book. Do it!
19. **Improper/Outdated Estate Plans** – leads to unintended consequences.
20. **Estate Tax Liability** – taxes can be huge for the heirs. Have a liquid source for taxes.
21. **Legal Documents Out-of-Date** – these laws change. Update.
22. **Estate Plan Not Optimized** – inadequate planning can lead to some assets going to the government.

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