

Key Person Insurance

As a business owner, you know the importance of protecting your business from risks such as damaged property, personal injury to employees and others with liability coverage. However, protecting your business also means protecting one of your most valuable assets – your key employees.

The death of a key person may subject a business to economic loss from one or more of these factors:

- *Reduction in earnings (impact on profits)*
- *Disruption of management*
- *Impairment of credit*
- *Possible loss of customers to competition*
- *Cost and time involved in finding and training a replacement*

Examples of Key Employees might include:

- *The business owners*
- *Key executives and corporate officers*
- *Top sales people*
- *Hard-to-replace specialists (such as engineers, R&D scientists, etc.)*
- *Top managers*

Insurance on the lives of your key people can be a cost-effective means of providing funding to help recover from the death of a person who is critical to the success of your business. The business should be the premium payor, owner, and beneficiary of the policy. Premium payments are not tax-deductible. However, death benefits are received tax free by your business.

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How it Works.



If a permanent life insurance plan is used for the coverage, policy cash values may grow on a tax-deferred basis. Cash values may be accessed by the business tax free by taking withdrawals to basis and then switching to policy loans thereafter. It is important to note that both loans and withdrawals from a permanent life insurance policy may be subject to penalties and fees and, along with any accrued loan interest, will reduce the policy's account value and death benefit.

The following guidelines may assist in determining the amount of insurance needed to cover the loss of a key person:

- **Capitalization of Salary** – *This method uses a capitalization factor between three and ten times annual salary (five times being the average). The more technical or difficult the skill is to obtain, the higher the capitalization factor should be.*
- **One-Year Profit Method** – *The amount of life insurance purchased is equal to one year's business profit associated with the experience and performance of the key person. This buys the business one year to find and train a replacement.*

For more information, contact
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