

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
October 02, 2006

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Dated October 2, 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 P.O.  
Box HM2064**

**Hamilton HM HX, Bermuda**

**(441) 295-5688**

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

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) 12 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 240.13e-2(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events of Importance to Security Holders**

On October 2, 2006, the Company issued a press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 regarding A.M. Best's affirmation of the Company's financial strength ratings.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release on Affirmation of A.M. Best Rating

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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.

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.  
Registrant

Date: October 2, 2006

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