

► Insurance and super

Did you know we're more likely to insure our car than our lives? If you were in an accident and couldn't work how would you and your family afford medical bills on top of your mortgage and daily expenses?

Being under-insured can be devastating and cause financial stress to your loved ones at an already difficult time. Unfortunately, many Australians find themselves under-insured. Now's the time to check whether you're adequately covered. The best place to start is your super fund.

In this fact sheet, we'll briefly outline the types of cover available through Maritime Super, explain how to work out if you're adequately covered and what we can do to help if you need assistance.

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Types of cover

Typically, super funds offer some form of death and/or disablement cover. Maritime Super provides members with Death, Total and Permanent Disablement (TPD) and Income Protection cover, subject to eligibility.

Here's a simple overview of the types of cover:

Death cover pays a set amount to your beneficiaries in the event of your death.

TPD cover pays a lump sum in the event that you become totally and permanently disabled.

Income Protection cover provides a regular income (a percentage of your salary reduced by any other income) for up to two years if you are unable to work in your usual job due to sickness or injury.

For more information on the types of cover, visit our website at www.maritimesuper.com.au. You'll find general information on the website and further details within the Insurance supplement for your membership category.

TIP: When working out what insurance you need, always read what's included and excluded in each policy. You'll find this information in the insurance policy or the Insurance supplement for your membership category at www.maritimesuper.com.au.

Why Maritime Super?

Insurance through super is cost-effective and accessible. Maritime Super's insurance cover provides the following benefits to members:

- cover that caters specifically for members in the maritime industry
- negotiated group insurance premiums that may not be available to you privately
- premium costs that are generally lower compared to individual insurance policies for maritime workers with similar benefits
- flexibility to choose the right level of cover for your needs
- no out of pocket costs with premiums deducted directly from your super account
- automatic acceptance for basic levels of insurance cover based on your membership category, subject to eligibility.

In the last three years we've provided members with financial support and security when they've needed it most.

\$38 million
insurance benefits
paid out to members
over the past
3 years

Percentage of
insurance claims that
have been accepted
between 31 March 2013
and 31 March 2015

96.2%

The right cover for you

Now that we've covered the basics, let's get to the important part – how to work out if you're adequately covered.

First, find out what insurance cover you currently have, what you're covered for and under what circumstances you'll receive a payout. To do this, check your latest benefit statement or call Member Services on 1800 757 607.

Next, value yourself, remembering that one of your most important assets is your ability to earn income. How you calculate the right cover for you depends on the type of cover as follows.

Death & TPD cover

A good place to start is to record how much you have in super, shares, savings or other insurance policies. Compare this to the amount of cash you would need to live on if you found yourself in a situation where your spouse died or became ill or disabled. Basically, the amount of Death & TPD cover you need will depend on your current liabilities (mortgage, credit cards, other loans), anticipated future expenses (children's education and care) and general living expenses, less your current assets and future income.

Don't forget to consider the non-working partner. Many people don't realise that if the stay-at-home parent wasn't around, the family would require a lot of assistance, both emotionally and financially. The income earner may need to reduce their working hours to look after the household and children or employ outside help.

This challenge can be hard, but remember, financial stress is the last thing you or your family should worry about during a difficult time.

TIP: Ensure your loved ones are looked after if the worst should happen. Update your beneficiaries by completing a binding or non-binding beneficiary nomination form available at www.maritimesuper.com.au.

Income Protection cover

Ensuring you have the right amount of Income Protection cover is much easier - all you need to know is your current salary.

Most members can take up Income Protection cover of either 50% or 75% of their salary. The exception is sub-fund* members, who have cover of 75% of their salary, as specified in their employment arrangements.

TIP: Keep us informed if your salary changes. Doing so will ensure you have the right amount of cover if you ever need to make a claim. To update your salary, call Member Services on 1800 757 607.

* Sub-funds include Teekay Accumulation, Trident Accumulation, SVITZER Accumulation, Inco Sub-fund, CSL Super and AMOU Staff.

What's adequate cover?

Ensuring you're adequately covered doesn't have to be confusing or time-consuming. One of Maritime Super's financial planners can help ensure that you and your family are protected in the event of your death or disablement. This isn't a 'one size fits all' process; an adequate cover level is unique to each individual.

To book an appointment with a planner, call Member Services on 1800 757 607. The first visit is a fact-finding session and free of charge. Our planners also visit most major ports and speak at member information seminars across Australia.

Review your cover

As your life changes, so too will your insurance needs. After all the important groundwork is done, remember to regularly review your cover, particularly when your circumstances change. You may need to increase or reduce your cover according to certain life events, for example when buying a home, having children, paying off your mortgage or separating from a partner.

Were here to help

If you would like more information about your insurance or anything else discussed in this fact sheet, please call us on 1800 757 607.



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