

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD
Form 8-K
July 01, 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): July 1, 2009

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda	001-04795	Not applicable
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer 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

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) 12 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 240.13e-2(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On July 1, 2009 American Safety Casualty Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Registrant, completed the acquisition for cash of Victore Insurance Company, an Oklahoma domiciled admitted insurer. As a part of the transaction, American Safety Casualty Insurance Company also acquired Victore Enterprises, Inc., an Oklahoma-based holding company, and Agency Bonding Company, an Oklahoma-based insurance agency. Victore Insurance Company provides contract surety for contractors and sub-contractors as well as other types of bonds.

The Registrant issued a press release concerning the acquisition on July 1, 2009, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. issued July 1, 2009.

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: July 1, 2009

By: /s/ Stephen R. Crim
Stephen R. Crim
President/CEO