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Form 8-K  
September 14, 2001

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)    September 14, 2001  
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CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5823

36-6169860

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(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

CNA Plaza, Chicago, Illinois

60685

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(312) 822-5000

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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### Item 5. Other Events

On September 14, 2001, CNA Financial Corporation issued a press release commenting on its loss exposure relating to the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and further extending the expiration date for its rights offering. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

### Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) A list of exhibits filed herewith is contained on the Exhibit Index which immediately precedes such exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

### 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.

CNA FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: September 14, 2001

/s/ Robert V. Deutsch

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By: Robert V. Deutsch  
Its: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	CNA Financial Corporation press release, issued September 14, 2001, commenting on CNA's loss exposure relating to September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center and further extending the expiration date for its rights offering.

