

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2013

**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): February 1, 2013

**AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS, LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)

**001-14795**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**Not applicable**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**The Boyle Building, 2nd Floor**

**31 Queen Street**

**Hamilton, Bermuda HM 11**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**(441) 296-8560**

**(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))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 1, 2013, the Registrant issued a press release providing an estimate of reserve strengthening and losses to be included in its fourth quarter 2012 results and announcing that A.M. Best has affirmed the Company's strength rating of A (Excellent) and revised the outlook to negative from stable.

A copy of the press release 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:

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Press Release of American Safety Insurance Holdings, Ltd. issued February 1, 2013, providing an estimate of reserve strengthening and losses to be included in its results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2012, and announcing that A.M. Best has affirmed the Company's strength rating of A (Excellent) and revised the outlook to negative from stable. |

**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: February 1, 2013

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