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LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Marketing Guide

Sharing the importance of life insurance and your business in your community

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Introduction

Every year, when the calendar flips to September, it marks the beginning of Life Insurance Awareness Month (LIAM). September brings about an annual collaboration effort when the industry comes together to share the importance of life insurance. Straightforward and often affordable, life insurance can provide an abundance of benefits to families and individuals alike, and help ensure loved ones are protected. This guide provides strategies, tips, and resources you can use to help share this important message.

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Download social media posts and schedule them in advance

Are your Facebook, X (Twitter), and LinkedIn profiles up-to-date with fresh content? Need resources? Visit our shareable content page.



Update your social media cover images

LIAM logos and images are available to update your cover images and let your social media followers know that you're participating in LIAM to create some buzz and excitement. Hashtags like #LIAM or #LIAM2024 are a way of creating more awareness and connecting your posts to the larger conversation.



Take advantage of different client engagement opportunities

There are several things you can do this month, and every month, to help grow your business and expand your network.

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Leveraging social media efficiently and effectively

When used effectively, social media can be a game-changer. Social media allows people to interact on a more authentic, personal level, not only with their peers, but with different companies as well. Understanding the what, why, and how behind your interactions on social media, especially when it comes to speaking to prospective and existing clients, can be the difference between successful and unsuccessful networking and possibly even sales. Here are some best practices when it comes to using social media effectively. *Access these social media posts and other content by visiting the shareable content page*.

Be authentic and consistent

At times, social media can seem like one big highlight-reel. But, remember; authentic beats aesthetic. People are interested in the real you and what you have to share. Be relatable; people like people who are like them. When building a network or following on social media, posting regularly helps you stay relevant and ensure your content stays fresh and is seen by as many people as possible.

Why do we need Life Insurance Awareness Month?

Because 102 million Americans say they *need life insurance* or more of it.

> Source: 2024 Insurance Barometer Study, Life Happens and LIMRA Life Happens® is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping consumers take personal reponsibility through ownership of life insurance and related products



you can tap for anything from a down payment on a home to emergency expenses.

Don't overdo it

Social media is not the place to bust out your most in-depth analysis. Depending on the platform, your social media posts should only be a few sentences long, at most. You only have a couple seconds to grab somebody's attention before they scroll right past your content. Share an astonishing statistic, or a beautiful and vibrant photo. Include a visual whenever possible and let the graphic tell the story.

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Avoid "product pushing"

Treat social media like real-life interaction. When you meet someone for the first time, are you quick to start talking about interest rates and premiums? Probably not. There are ways to share your business on social media without being overly sales-oriented. For instance, if your goal is to sell life insurance, share articles about healthy living, or speak to the importance of family and caring for loved ones. Maybe even share a little about your own family. You can position yourself as a resource without mentioning specific products.



You *may not have enough* life insurance if you ...

- + Only have it through your employer
- + Got a raise
- + Have a stay-at-home partner without it
- + Had a child
- + Bought a new home

Always answer the 'what's next?'

What action do you want people to take? Having a clear call-toaction can serve as a building block for almost any social media post. If you're looking for someone to contact you or reach out, state that. If you want someone to view an article or other piece of material, make sure it's easy to navigate to.

Other social media resources to download and share

Looking for posts on other topics you can share this month and beyond? Explore a variety of posts from prior campaigns and month's past.

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Client engagement ideas

Host an in-person event or lunch and learn

One of the best ways to meet and network with prospective and existing clients is to host an in-person event. It doesn't have to be over the top. A lunch and learn is a wonderful example that can provide a more informal and sociable space that differs from traditional classroom-style learning. They can also help break down initial introduction barriers and establish rapport with new faces. Providing some delicious food certainly doesn't hurt either!

Send a thank you to existing clients

LIAM shouldn't just be tailored to prospective clients. It's a fantastic month to also let your existing clients know how much you appreciate them! Sending simple things like a coffee gift card or another personalized gift to show your token of appreciation will not only help foster existing relationships, but opens the door for more to come. Your clients have an investment in you—it's time to invest back in them!

Instill confidence in North American

North American holds over 683,000 life insurance and annuity policies with assets of over \$38 billion. Use our company strength brochure, now updated with new data, to show clients why they can have confidence in North American. **DOWNLOAD FLYER**

Reach out to clients who have been on the fence about insurance

You may know individuals who are on the fence about purchasing life insurance or don't know where to start. There's no better month to reach out to these people to instill confidence, answer questions, and work hand-in-hand with them through the process. Life insurance can be simple, affordable, and easy. Sometimes, it just takes someone to explain it.

Ask for a referral

One of the most effective marketing strategies that exists today is word-of-mouth referrals! People are much more willing to buy a specific product or service when they're referred by a family member or friend. If you have clients who appreciate the help you've provided them, simply ask for a referral. Ask if they would be willing to share their satisfaction with others and encourage them to contact you. You'll be surprised at how fast your network may grow.

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