

INSURANCE RATINGS

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R 368.1 BES	<i>Best's Insurance Reports, Property-Casualty United States</i>
R 368.3 BES	<i>Best's Insurance Reports, Life-Health United States</i>
R 368.382 WEI	<i>Weiss Ratings' Guide to HMOs and Health Insurers</i>

Contact the following companies for insurance ratings over the telephone or use the Internet to access information:

- A. M. BEST** **1-908-439-2200 Ext. 5742**
Ratings are available by signing up on the company's website. Purchase company reports and news items through A.M. Best's website or contact their customer service department:
<http://www.ambest.com>
- FITCH INFORMATION, INC** **1-800-853-4824**
Free verbal ratings (limited to five per call). Obtain free ratings through the company's website:
[http:// www.fitchratings.com](http://www.fitchratings.com)
- MOODY'S** **1-212-553-0377**
Free verbal ratings (limited to five per call). Obtain free ratings through the company's website:
<http://www.moodys.com/insurance/index.shtml>
- STANDARD & POOR'S** **1-212-438-2400**
Free verbal ratings (limited to five per call). Obtain free company ratings from the Standard & Poor's website. Contact S & P to verify costs and to purchase written reports and analyses:
<http://www.standardandpoors.com/RatingsActions/RatingsLists/Insurance/index.html>
- WEISS RESEARCH** **1-800-289-9222**
A verbal rating is available for a fee. A one-page written summary may be included for an additional fee. Written full reports may also be purchased from Weiss Research. Purchase ratings online through the company's website:
<http://www.weissratings.com>

To **find** out whether a company is licensed to do business in the state of Florida, call:

Florida Insurance Commissioner 1-800-342-2762, in Orlando (407) 245-0870

To **find** out whether an agent is licensed to do business in Florida, visit::

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Business Insurance

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To locate articles in magazines, journals, and other periodicals, search the Orange County Library System's online periodical databases using keywords or subject headings. Access these databases through the Library's home page at <http://www.ocls.info/>

Insurance information is available by clicking on **SEARCH ONLINE DATABASES**, then *General Reference Center Gold*. To search from home or other locations click on **SEARCH ONLINE DATABASES**, then enter your library card number and PIN. Additional information may be obtained by clicking on **INTERNET FAVORITES**, then *Consumer Information*.

To locate additional articles use the print indexes located in the Business & Science Department: *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature Business Periodicals Index* and the *Wall Street Journal Index*.

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