

## Smart Insurance Math



With the exception of a health insurance policy, where a high deductible can give you pain in the pocketbook all year long, raising the deductible in your home, car, business, or renter's policy is smart insurance math. A higher deductible lowers the cost of your insurance. It also makes economic sense in the current environment where [insurers are penalizing policyholders who file claims by increasing their premium or dropping them](#)... even for losses that were not the consumer's fault. Unfair as this is, efforts by regulators and legislators to impose reasonable limits on these penalties are still a work in progress. So for now, we recommend the following:

Raise your property insurance deductible to the highest amount you feel comfortable with. For home or renters policies, we recommend at least \$1,000. There's no harm in getting quotes for a deductible as high as \$5,000 to see how much it brings down the premium. For your auto insurance, we recommend



raising your deductible and using part of the savings to increase your UM/UIM protection.\*

Yes - you pay for your insurance; you should have the right to use it without a penalty. [But do the math before you file a claim](#)- if the loss is under your deductible, don't file it, pay it out of pocket. Clean record = lower premiums.

If you've been good this year (for goodness sake), don't forget to add high value gifts to your [UP Home Inventory](#).

This, and all our monthly tips are our gift to you and your wallet. Warmest wishes and a happy and healthy New Year to one and all! Team UP

\*Your chances of getting into an accident with an uninsured driver are much higher than you'd think (According to one industry study, 1 in 7 drivers are driving "bare").

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