

# 5 Ways

## to Improve Your Credit Score and Save on Insurance

Did you know that your credit score may also impact how much you pay for insurance?

In most U.S. states, home, auto and life insurance companies use this figure to help calculate credit-based insurance scores, which are key factors in determining policy rates.

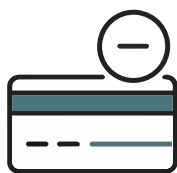
Achieving or maintaining a good score should be a top priority, as having poor credit could mean you'll need to pay significantly more for essential coverage.

Consider these five strategies to **improve** or **protect** your credit score:



### **Avoid late payments.**

Keeping up with your bills and loans is crucial, as failing to do so could make you appear less reliable to creditors and, therefore, insurers. If you have trouble remembering to pay your loans, consider setting up automatic payments.



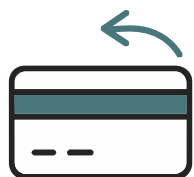
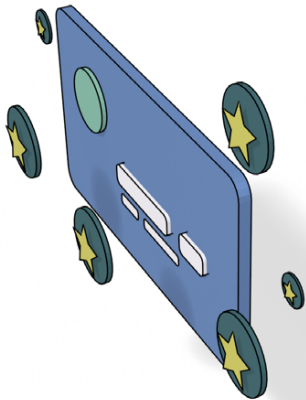
### **Limit your balances.**

Avoid racking up significant debt and carrying large balances. Be cautious when canceling credit cards, as this could reduce your overall credit limit.



### **Diversify your portfolio.**

Having multiple types of credit can help improve your credit score. As such, someone with a mortgage, an auto loan, and a credit card might be eligible for lower insurance premiums than someone with only credit cards.



### **Keep old accounts open.**

It's often advisable to avoid closing accounts, even if they carry no balance. Your oldest lines of credit play an integral role in establishing your credit history. Additionally, closing accounts could increase your overall credit utilization, potentially leading to a lower score.



### **Monitor reports closely.**

[Regularly request copies of your credit score.](#) Identifying and addressing any errors or fraudulent activity, such as identity theft, can be critical in helping you maintain good standing with credit bureaus.

By understanding how credit influences your premiums and taking responsible steps to improve your score, you can **stretch your budget further.**

Contact us today to learn more.