Consider this scenario:

My mother passed away when she was only 49. Despite our devastation, my brother and I were able to continue our education because she planned ahead and bought life insurance. That’s why my husband and I decided to buy a policy after the birth of our sons. We want them to be financially secure if anything were to happen to us.

A death can take a tremendous toll on the financial security of a household. Paying the mortgage or providing for a child’s college education could become more difficult. Buying life insurance can help ensure your loved ones are taken care of financially. In the event of your passing, term life insurance makes a lump sum payment directly to your loved ones.

The advantages of getting life insurance through work

- Competitive group rates
- Guaranteed issue (no health questions or medical exam)
- Convenient payroll deductions
- Easy access to enrollment
- Educational tools to decide how much insurance is right for you

The tax advantage

Your beneficiary or beneficiaries likely won’t have to pay income tax on the payments they receive.¹
Optional Life Insurance
A cost-effective way to help ensure your short- and long-term financial obligations could be met if something unforeseen happens to you.

How much life insurance should you consider for your loved ones?
Here’s how one household of four could calculate their life insurance needs.

- Monthly expenses: $3,000
- Additional expenses: $100,000
- Outstanding debt: $200,000
- Assets/savings: $20,000

Coverage amount to consider: $640,000

The amount is calculated as the sum of the estimated expenses to be covered (10 years’ worth), the additional expenses to plan for and outstanding debt minus assets and savings.

* This is a hypothetical example for informational purposes only. Your costs and savings could vary based on your plan design, where you live and whether your plan requires a deductible or coinsurance. Please see your Plan Summary for details about your coverage.

1. In general, death benefits are received income tax free.
2. This example assumes the family wishes to pay off their mortgage. In this case, they do not enter the mortgage amount in their monthly expenses, and it is only entered in the outstanding debt section.
3. This is a hypothetical example and is used for illustration purposes only. Your particular needs may vary. You may utilize the Life Insurance Planner located on the inside front cover of your enrollment materials or use the Life Insurance Calculator at www.metlife.com to assist you in determining the amount that is best for you and your specific needs. You may also want to consult with a tax advisor or financial planner.

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