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# Don't Leave Your Retirement Up to Chance!

*See how you can have more peace of mind. Details inside!*



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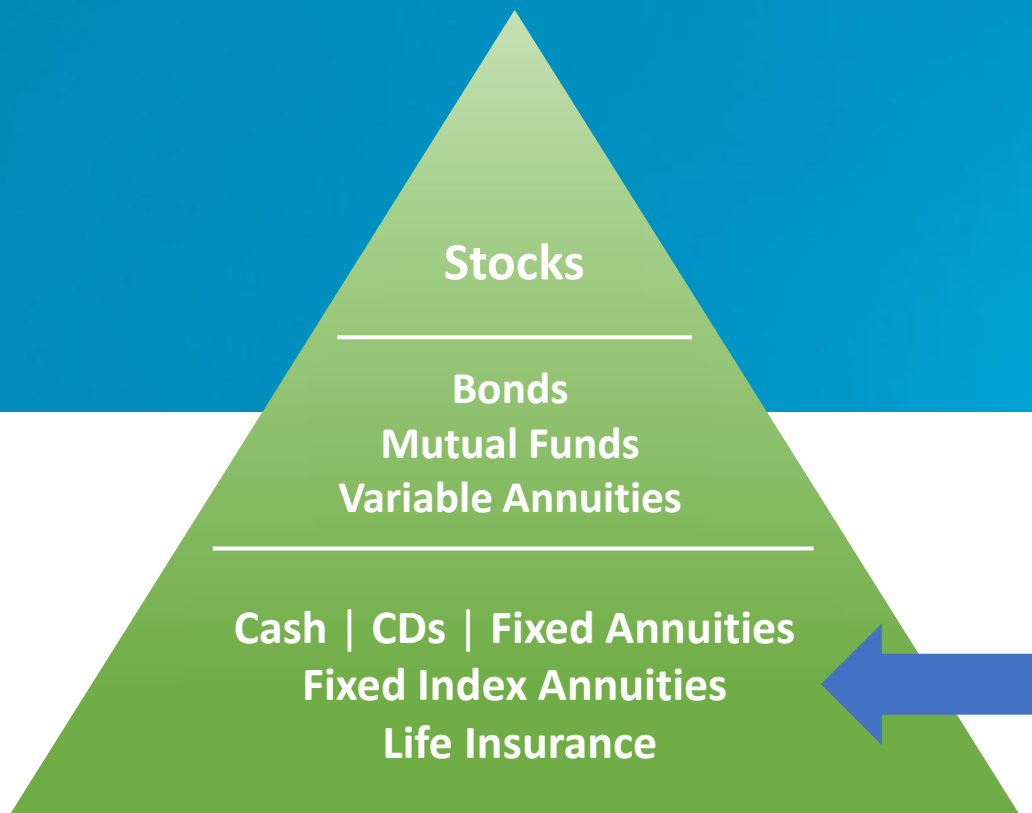
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# Can You Afford to Gamble With Your Retirement?

**You Need a Strong  
Foundation First**



# Example of a Strong Foundation First



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# When Does $30+43=0$ ?

*When it involves placing your hard-earned money directly into the market.*

If, during the first year, you **LOST 30%** it would take a **43% rebound** the next year to get back to where you started.

# What is Your Risk Tolerance?

As we move into retirement, preserving lifelong accumulated wealth, protecting principal, and collecting income become top priorities.



# The Value of Safe Money Protection in the Great Recession



This hypothetical concept is for educational purposes only. Participation rates on an annuity may change yearly. Assumes a \$100,000 premium, a 55-percent participation rate, and no withdrawals or no surrenders. Charges will apply with surrender. Uses an annual point-to-point crediting strategy and year-end anniversary dates for index values. A fixed index annuity was not available until 1995. Past performance does not indicate future results. Interest earned by an annuity does not include dividends.

# Product Features

| Feature                    | Stocks | Mutual Funds | Variable Annuities | Bonds | Fixed Annuities | Index Annuities |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tax Deferral               | NO     | NO           | Yes                | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |
| Premium Bonus              | NO     | NO           | NO                 | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |
| Guaranteed Lifetime Income | NO     | NO           | Yes                | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |
| Minimum Interest Guarantee | NO     | NO           | NO                 | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |
| Dividends                  | Yes    | Yes          | Yes                | NO    | NO              | NO              |
| Surrender Charges          | NO     | Yes          | Yes                | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |
| Death Benefit              | NO     | NO           | Yes                | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |
| Market Risk                | Yes    | Yes          | Yes                | Yes   | NO              | NO              |
| Avoid Probate              | NO     | NO           | Yes                | NO    | Yes             | Yes             |

Note: This does not represent funds in qualified accounts such as IRAs. For feature understanding purposes only.

# One Rule Worth Knowing:

## The Rule of 72

### to Double Your Money

The “**Rule of 72**” estimates how long it takes **tax-deferred** money to double given an anticipated growth rate. Simply divide 72 by the anticipated growth rate to determine the number of years. For example, tax-deferred money growing at 5% would double in approximately 14 years (see table).

| Growth Rate | Rule of 72 (Tax Deferred)*                                          |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2%          | 36 years                                                            |
| 3%          | 24 years                                                            |
| 4%          | 18 years                                                            |
| 5%          | 14 years                                                            |
| 6%          | 12 years                                                            |
| 7%          | 10 years                                                            |
| 8%          | 9 years                                                             |
|             | Once money is withdrawn from a tax-deferred vehicle, it is taxable. |

# Another Rule Worth Knowing:

## The Rule of 108

### to Double Your Money

The other rule worth considering is the “**Rule of 108.**” This estimates the time needed for **taxable money** to double, assuming an anticipated growth rate. Taxable money will double in approximately 22 years at a 5% growth rate.

| Growth Rate | Rule of 108 (Taxable at 33%)*                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2%          | 54 years                                                            |
| 3%          | 36 years                                                            |
| 4%          | 27 years                                                            |
| 5%          | 22 years                                                            |
| 6%          | 18 years                                                            |
| 7%          | 16 years                                                            |
| 8%          | 14 years                                                            |
|             | Once money is withdrawn from a tax-deferred vehicle, it is taxable. |

# The Rule of 100

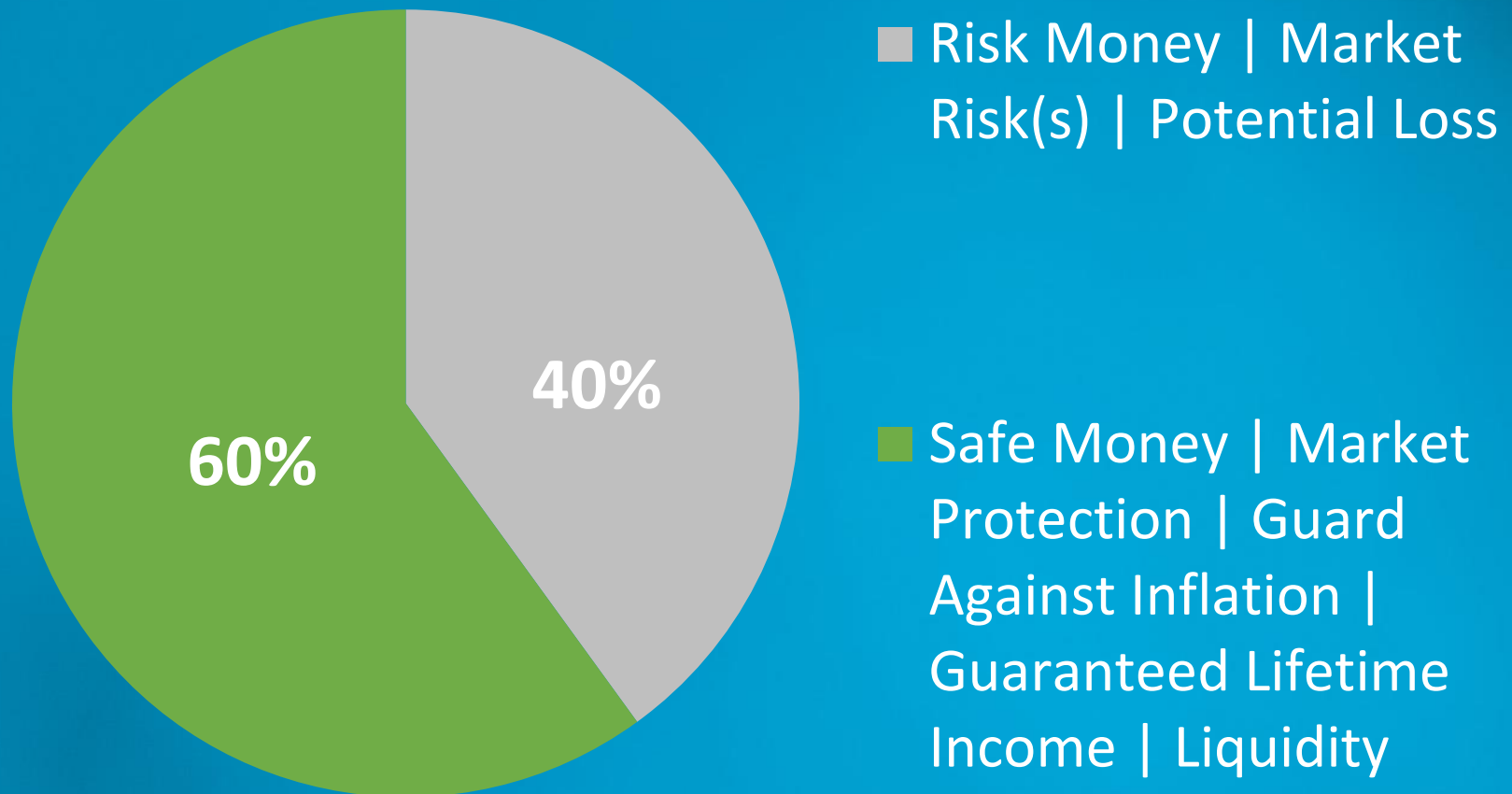
Perhaps the simplest financial rule of thumb, but it is also one of the most widely abused!

Simply put, you take 100 and subtract your age from it. The resultant sum suggests the maximum amount of your portfolio you should have exposed to market risks.

**So, for example, if you're 60 years old,  $100 - 60 = 40$ .** Then according to this rule, you should have 60% of your portfolio protected from market losses and 40% in the market to optimize your long-term growth (your age is equal to the safe portion in percentage).

Then there is the senior community (the people who hold 80+% of U.S. savings and investment dollars). If you are age 70, according to this rule of thumb, you would have no more than 30% of your assets exposed to market risks ( $100 - 70 = 30$ ). Frequently seniors and retirees have portfolios that arguably have too much market risk exposure.

# The Rule of 100 Example: 60-Year-Old Investor



# Your Next Step!



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