

Are My Credit Union Shares (Deposits) Safe?

The recent closure of a Kansas bank has prompted some credit union members to question the safety of their shares and deposits. Both state-chartered and federally chartered credit unions doing business in the State of Kansas are required to have federal share insurance protection through the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) on their share and deposit accounts. The NCUA's share insurance fund is called the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).

Basic Federal Share Insurance Coverage

In general, the NCUSIF provides credit union members with \$100,000 in coverage for their individual share and deposit accounts. These accounts include savings, checking, money market and certificate accounts, among others. Individuals with account balances totaling \$100,000 or less at a federally insured credit union have full NCUSIF coverage.

Retirement Accounts

Certain retirement accounts, such as Individual Retirement Accounts, are federally insured up to \$250,000 per member per federally insured credit union. For share insurance information from NCUA, see <http://www.ncua.gov/Publications> and click on the brochures entitled "How your Accounts are Insured" or "Your Insured Funds". Additional Share Insurance Coverage.

If you have more than \$100,000 in an individual credit union, you may want to use the NCUSIF estimator available at <http://webapps.ncua.gov/ins/>. Additional insurance coverage is available based on rules from NCUA regarding joint accounts and retirement accounts. You should also call your credit union to discuss share insurance coverage in excess of \$100,000 per individual.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Share Insurance

NCUA also has a FAQ about share insurance, available at: <http://webapps.ncua.gov/ins/InsuredFunds/FAQ.htm>.

Financial Statements

If you have questions about the financial health of your credit union, NCUA posts quarterly financial statements on its website. For a credit union's most recently published, quarterly financial statement, see <http://www.ncua.gov/indexdata.html>

Questions

You may contact the Kansas Department of Credit Unions by phone at (785) 296-3021 or by e-mail at kdcuoffice@kdcu.ks.gov.