



5 Retirement Mistakes That Cost Seniors Thousands

A Practical Guide to Protecting Your Income, Savings, and Peace of Mind



Mistake #1 – Claiming Social Security Too Early

Claiming benefits at age 62 permanently reduces your monthly income. For many retirees, this decision results in thousands of dollars lost over a lifetime. Understanding Full Retirement Age and the benefit increase for delaying to age 70 can significantly improve long-term financial security.

Action Step: Review this area carefully and make a written plan before making financial decisions.



Mistake #2 – Withdrawing Too Much Too Fast

High withdrawal rates in the early years of retirement increase the risk of running out of money. Market downturns combined with withdrawals can permanently reduce portfolio recovery potential. A sustainable withdrawal plan protects your future income.

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Mistake #3 – Ignoring Inflation

Inflation quietly erodes purchasing power over time. Healthcare and housing costs often rise faster than expected. Even a modest inflation rate compounds significantly over 20 years.

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Mistake #4 – Poor Tax Withdrawal Strategy

Failing to coordinate withdrawals can increase lifetime tax liability. Strategic use of taxable, tax-deferred, and Roth accounts can reduce unnecessary taxes.

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Mistake #5 – No Written Budget Plan

Without a written monthly plan, small expenses can gradually erode savings. Clarity in spending provides confidence and financial stability.

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