

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

January 25, 2005 Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported)

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**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-9761**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2151613**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141, (630) 773-3800**  
(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, or registrant's principal executive offices)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 25, 2005, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. ( Gallagher ) issued a press release setting forth Gallagher 's fourth quarter and full year 2004 earnings. A copy of Gallagher 's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99 Press release, dated January 25, 2005, issued by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 25, 2005

**Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.**

/s/ Douglas K. Howell

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Douglas K. Howell

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer and duly

authorized officer)

**Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.**

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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