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# Protecting A Lifetime Of Memories

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## 4 Dumb Money Mistakes & How To Avoid Them

When it comes to managing money, we all know what we *should* do and what we *shouldn't* do! However, sometimes we make mistakes, and sometimes those mistakes have a cost to them. Listed below are some common money mistakes that can cost you big!

**Paying Your Bills Late:** A lot of people make the dumb mistake of paying a bill or bills late, not because they don't have the money, they just forget, time gets the better of them. This mistake can have steep costs, late fees, penalties, etc... The worst part is it is completely avoidable. The easy fix to this is set reminders on your computer, cell phone or calendar, or set up automatic bill-pay when available. Did you know that if you pay your credit card or other bills late consistently, they will raise your interest rates and then can raise any credit based service fees!

**Bounce a Check:** Never write a check that will bounce or try to float a check! Never write a check for an amount of money that you know you don't have in your bank account. This is common sense.

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## What Can I Get From A Reverse Mortgage?

A lot of older Americans are converting the equity in their homes into cash, by using a type of loan called a reverse mortgage. The money from a reverse mortgage can provide seniors with the financial freedom they need to fully enjoy their retirement years.

The reverse mortgage got its name because the payment stream is "reversed." Instead of making monthly payments to a lender, a lender makes payments to you. This money can be used for anything you choose.

To qualify for a reverse mortgage, you must own your own home and be at least 62. You may even be eligible for a reverse mortgage if you still owe money on a first or second mortgage. And there are no income or medical requirements to qualify.

You can choose how to receive the money from a reverse mortgage. You can choose all at once, fixed monthly payments, a line of credit or a combination of these. The most popular option - chosen by more than 60 percent of borrowers - is the line of credit, which allows you to draw on the loan proceeds, at any time.

The size of the reverse mortgage that you can get varies depending on your age at the time you apply for the loan, the type of reverse mortgage you choose, the value of your home, current interest rates, and where you live can also play a factor.

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## Interesting Facts:

-Most predators have eyes facing forward while most prey have eyes on the sides of their head.

-The Pyramids of Giza were more ancient to the ancient Romans, than Rome is ancient to us.

-A Stanford study found a high correlation between walking and creative thought output. Compared to sitting, those who walked demonstrated a 60% increase in creative thought output.

-The United Kingdom and Portugal hold the longest standing alliance in the world, it started in 1386.

-The month of July was named after Julius Caesar.

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**"With what we get,  
we can make a  
living; what we  
give, however,  
makes a life."**

**-Arthur Ashek**

### ***How will inflation affect your income?***

A simple inflation rate of 4% means that in 10 years you will need to spend almost 50% more income in order to maintain your same standard of living.

If you are currently living on \$25,000 of income, you will need to increase it to \$37,500. (That doesn't include the increased amount you will have to pay in taxes.)

While we can't stop prices from rising, there are some things you can do to make your money last longer. But, you need to act now.

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The average return check fees are \$35.00 per transaction. So for example, you have a \$100.00 in your account. You have 2, \$25 debit transactions, and \$100 checks written. If that check hits first, your account now goes to 0 and when those debit transactions go through, you're in the hole for around \$120.00. Those 2 bounced transactions cost you \$70.00. How to avoid this: 1. Don't write checks for more than you have in your account. 2. Sign up for overdraft protection. If you do withdraw more money than you have in your account, the overdraft amount will be automatically added to your credit card or taken from your savings account. Though be careful with this as sometimes there are large fees with overdraft.

**Credit Card Balances:** This all too common a mistake that affects a majority of the population. Many people believe that carrying a balance on your credit card is good for your credit. The truth is, carrying a balance not only doesn't improve your credit score, but in some cases, it could lower it. The best way to manage your credit cards is to pay off your balance in full each month, if you can. If you can't, be sure to pay more than the minimum so that you're not paying outrageous interest fees. How to avoid this... STOP USING CREDIT CARDS!

**Not Save:** It's extremely important to have an emergency fund ready to go when you need it. I'm not saying you should have thousands and thousands of dollars. Life happens and sometimes, saving that much just isn't possible. But putting away just a small amount each month could add up to more than \$1,000 over the course of the year. And in the event of an emergency, you'll be happy you have it.

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### **What Can I Get From A Reverse Mortgage?**

On average, the older you are and the less you owe on your home, the larger the reverse mortgage can be. No payments are due on a reverse mortgage while it is outstanding. The loan becomes due and payable when you cease to occupy your home as a primary residence. This can occur if you pass away, sell the home, or permanently move out.

You do not have to sell your home in order to pay off the loan. You (or your heirs) can pay off the reverse mortgage and keep the home. (This can easily be accomplished with a life insurance policy.)

The money provided to you from a reverse mortgage is tax-free, and does not affect regular Social Security or Medicare benefits. However, the funds received from a reverse mortgage may affect your eligibility for certain kinds of government assistance, such as Medicaid or state assistance programs.

These are just some of the benefits you will receive from a reverse mortgage. However, this is typically a "last resort" effort to generate income in retirement. There are better ways to generate incomes. Check with your local financial advisor for more information and to see if a reverse mortgage is right for you, and for other strategies to generate income.