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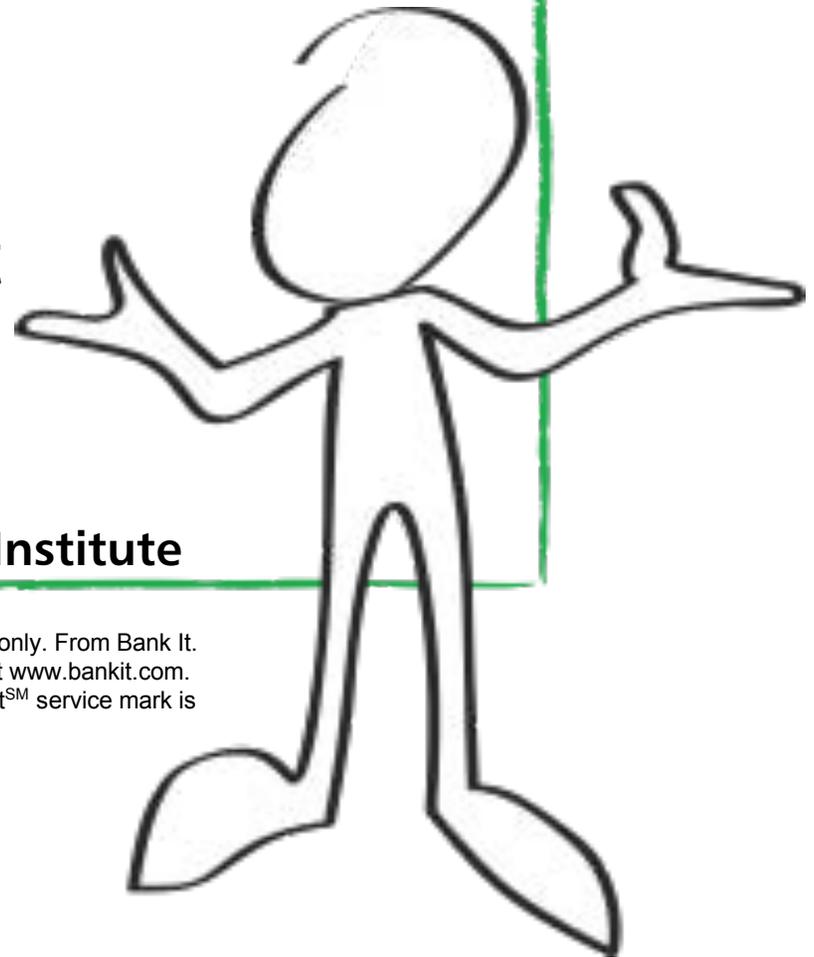
Welcome to Bank It

Avoiding and Fixing Credit Problems

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Welcome and Overview

What is Bank It?

Bank It delivers real-world topics and tools to help you:

- Understand,
- Talk about, and
- Manage your money.

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Welcome and Overview

Three goals for today:

1. List two ways to avoid credit problems.
2. Name a consequence of not using credit well.
3. Describe what bankruptcy is.



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Activity

Role-Play a Script



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Activity

How do you avoid credit problems?

1. Pay bills on time—or early.
2. Pay the entire bill (or as much as you can).
3. Make a plan to pay off your bill if you can't pay it all off.



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Activity

Why is it tempting to use credit poorly?



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Activity

How can you keep track of your credit?

1. Keep your credit card receipts.
2. Monitor your monthly credit card statement.
3. Know your credit score.
4. Get a copy of your credit report.



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Activity

How can you avoid credit problems?

1. Avoid overspending.
2. Keep track of your credit spending.
3. Learn your credit score.
4. Pay off your credit use as quickly as possible.



Present

Steps to a Higher Credit Score

1. Pay your bills on time (or early).
2. Pay down your debts, or what you owe.
3. Have a mix of different kinds of credit.
4. Use your credit card regularly but charge only what you can pay on time.
5. Have a checking and/or savings account.
6. Avoid bankruptcy.



Present

What do you do if you have credit problems?

1. Slow down or stop your credit card use until you pay off what you owe.
2. Create a payback plan.
3. Work with a professional if you need it.



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Present

What can happen if you don't fix your credit problems?

- Repossession
- Garnished wages
- Bankruptcy



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Present

What is bankruptcy?

Bankruptcy is a legal status that states that you are unable to pay off your bills and loans. Even if you declare bankruptcy, you are often still expected to pay back what you owe.



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Discuss

Turn to talk to someone near you.

1. Say your first name.
2. Say one thing you plan to do to improve your credit.



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Review and Evaluate

What are ways to avoid credit problems?

1. Avoid overspending.
2. Keep track of your credit spending.
3. Learn your credit score.
4. Pay off your credit use as quickly as possible.



Review and Evaluate

How can you improve your credit score?

1. Pay your bills on time (or early).
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Close

What is one step you can take to use credit better?



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