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Beware of Loan Sharks



Bills ... Bills ... Bills



And now it's nearly Christmas



What are we going to do?



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Maybe we can borrow
the money ...



If this is what you are
thinking



Think very carefully



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Listen to this real life story



Hello my name is Christine
and this is my story



A young woman got
friendly with me while I
waited for my daughter
at the school gate



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We met and chatted
a few times ...
She seemed very nice



I didn't have much
money and told her that
I couldn't afford to top up
my Smart Meter card



She offered to lend me
£100 ... "to help out"



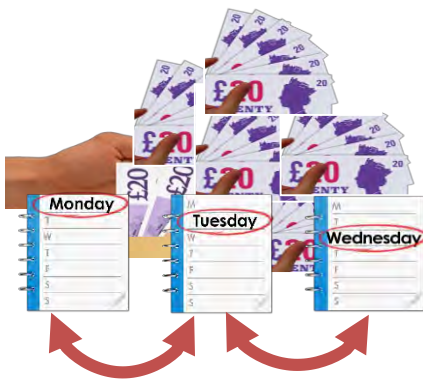
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Then this school gate friend and her partner turned nasty



They said I had to pay them back £500 by the end of the week



Or next week it would be £1000 ... “and it will keep on going up”



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I was very frightened for myself and my children



I got in touch with the
Illegal Money Lending
Team **STOPLOANSHARKS**
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What happened to
Christine could happen
to YOU



If you are short of money



Talk to someone you
know well, and can
trust, for good advice



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Do Not borrow money from someone who seems a good friend ...



Someone you just meet in the pub



Someone you just meet at the bus stop



Someone you just meet at the local shop



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They may be a ...
Loan Shark



At first they will be friendly
enough to lend you a
small sum of money



But then they will turn
Nasty and ask you to
pay back a lot of money



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