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Beware of Loan Sharks

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1. Bills ... Bills ... Bills



What are we going to do?



Maybe we can borrow the money we need



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If this is what **YOU** are thinking



Think very carefully



Do not borrow money from a Loan Shark



2. What (or Who) is a Loan Shark?



A Loan Shark could be anybody



- Someone you just happen to meet in the pub



- Someone you just happen to meet at the bus stop



- Someone you just happen to meet at the local shop



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



But then they will turn
Nasty and demand
that you to pay back
lots more money



3. Christine's 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”



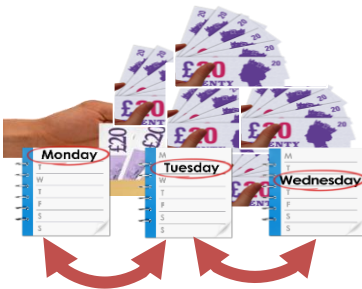
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- Then this school gate friend and her partner turned nasty



- 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 till you pay”



- I was very frightened for myself and for my children



4. What you should do



If you are short of money



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



Do Not just borrow money from someone who seems to be a good friend



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What happened to
Christine could happen
to You



Christine got in touch with
the England Illegal Money
Lending Team (IMLT)



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