

# DON'T FEEL TRAPPED BY LOAN SHARKS



## IS THIS YOU?

- Owe money to a 'friend or a family member'?
- Paying back more than you borrowed?
- Did you have to hand over something as 'security' like a bank card or valuables?
- Are you scarred, frightened or intimidated by the person who gave you the loan?



## WHO CAN HELP?

- The Advice Shop can check your benefit entitlement and offer money advice.
- Look for solutions to your money worries or alternatives to an illegal lender.
- If you have borrowed money from a loan shark don't feel isolated, there is support available. You haven't broken the law - they have.
- You can report the lender directly to the Scottish Illegal Money Lending Unit.
- or contact CrimeStoppers



## CONTACT THE ADVICE SHOP

- Phone: 01506 283000 (option 3)
- Email: [advice.shop@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:advice.shop@westlothian.gov.uk)
- [www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/65726/Illegal-Money-Lending](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/65726/Illegal-Money-Lending)

## CONTACT THE SCOTTISH ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING UNIT

- Free Helpline: 0800 074 0878
- Text 'loan shark' and the details to: 07741 701 325
- email: [stopillegallending@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:stopillegallending@cosla.gov.uk)

Scan with your phone camera for more information



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