

# Illegal Money Lending



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Illegal money lending is when people lend money without permission.

Loan Sharks are people who lend money illegally.

Loan Sharks do not advertise.

Loan Sharks do not use the right paperwork.

Loan Sharks lend people money and then ask for the money to be paid back with interest (extra money).

The interest is often very high, so people have to pay back large amounts of money.

If people cannot pay back the money, the loan shark may make threats.

They may take jewellery or electrical goods like the TV. They may threaten to hurt pets or family.

They may take your bank card or passport.

## Important

Do not borrow money from people even if you think they are friends.

If someone is asking you for money – tell someone.

Tell the Police if you think a Loan Shark has given you money.

