
Mortgage Stress

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Are you under mortgage stress? Perhaps finding it difficult to manage your credit card?

Here are some things to consider if you are finding it difficult to make your repayments...

* Do a budget

This is really important. If you have a budget that you have written down (not in your head!) it's a great asset to take with you to any conversations you need to have with your financial institution. It shows that you are serious about managing your financial situation and that you are fully aware of your money going in and money going out.

* Have a chat to your lender

Call them before they have to call you! Get real with yourself and your position and get into communication with your lender as soon as you feel that you may be approaching difficulty. Tell them your plan about how you are addressing your situation, show them your budget! You could possibly increase the loans' length, apply for a "holiday", or perhaps pay interest only.

Also talk to them about getting a better deal with your interest rate!

* Consider renting out your home or moving on

It could be possible to rent your house out while you rent somewhere else, saving money and being able to meet the difference of your repayment. Do you have a spare room in your home that you could rent out for extra cash? Maybe you could move back in with your parents for a little while?

Be realistic. If you can't afford your home you should probably consider selling and moving on.

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