

I OWE HOW MUCH ?!!

Unexpected costs cause many individuals and families frustration and stress. However, ONLINE PAYDAY Loans are definitely not the way to go when experiencing this type of problem. Payday Lenders offering payday loans online can be based in any state. However, Payday Lenders are **ILLEGAL** in the state of North Carolina.

Why?

Payday loans are very easy to get in but extremely hard to get out from under. Most applicants do not realize how risky payday loans are. To attract customers, payday lenders tend to specialize in fast & user-friendly online service. After quickly being approved online, you enter your checking account information and routing number online OR write out a check plus the lender's finance charge or fee to get the money you need. The contract is binded by checking an "I AGREE" box online or signing a contract agreeing to pay back the money in a short time (typically within 2 weeks or 1 month).

Seems pretty helpful and simple so far right?

When the repayment time is up, the payday lender cashes your check to pay back the loan and collect its fee. Or they begin to automatically debit your account. Most people pay dearly for this convenience. FIRST, the interest rate charged plus the lender's convenience fee is often steep. SECOND, if your financial hardship continues and you are not able to resolve the problem that caused you to look for a payday loan, you will likely be requesting a Rollover Agreement with the payday lender to buy you more time. This will leave you paying additional/compounded interest and fees causing you to sink deeper into debt! THIRD, the payday lender has your personal information as well as your banking account information.

Time and time again, BMFCU representatives are often asked questions by members who are frustrated because they do not understand why their accounts are continually being debited after they believe they have already paid the lender what they owe. Instead of relieving them of the financial pressure, they are left more frustrated and strained than before they agreed to take out the initial payday loan.

Do not become a victim. If you find yourself in a tough financial situation, visit Bragg Mutual Federal Credit Union. We will work with you to help you find the most economical way to borrow. Speak with one of our loan counselors at no cost. Find out what options you have before making a decision.

If you already have a payday loan or owe money to many creditors and you want to talk to a credit counseling service you can contact:

Consumer Credit casting Service of Fayetteville (CCCS) is a non-profit service and a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC): [910-323-3192](tel:910-323-3192) or [888-381-3720](tel:888-381-3720) or www.cccsfayetteville@ccap-inc.org . They offer counseling on home ownership, debt management, bankruptcy, financial literacy, financial counseling, free tax prep art ion, HeadStart programs, food banks and so much more.