

# Your Guide to an **Emergency** Fund

An emergency fund gives you a financial safety net to help keep you afloat during a financial emergency without having to rely on credit cards or take out high-interest debt.



## Possible Uses of an **Emergency** Fund



**Job  
Loss**



**Income  
Reduction**



**Medical  
Bills**



**Emergency  
Repairs**

## How to Build an **Emergency** Fund:

- 1** Decide on how much to save. The rule of thumb is 6-12 months of expenses
- 2** Set a savings goal.
- 3** Pay off debts. This includes high-interest debts and credit cards
- 4** Open a separate account. The ideal type of an account is a liquid, high interest account.
- 5** Pay yourself first. Automate transfers into your fund as soon as you receive your paycheck!

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS



- 1. Stay Consistent.**  
Keep pace with new expenses
- 2. Find creative ways to save more.**  
Challenge yourself to exceed your savings goal each month.
- 3. Only use for emergencies.**  
Don't dip in for "wants" or "just this once"



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