





This presentation is based on part of FDIC MoneySmart and NextGen Personal Finance NGPF Next Gen Personal Finance



What we'll accomplish...

In this lesson, you'll:

- Learn how to research & pick a good bank or credit union.
- Learn about mobile banking and features of mobile banking apps.
- Figure out how to open an account & how to manage it responsibly to avoid extra fees.
- Discover how check-cashing stores actually cost you more money than having a bank or credit union account.
- Recognize the ways your identity could be stolen & learn how to protect it and avoid scams.



Is your money safe at a Bank or Credit Union?





Both FDIC and NCUA are fully backed by the U.S. Government and both provide protection up to \$250,000 per account holder per institution!





No depositor has ever lost a penny of insured deposits since the FDIC and NCUA were created in 1933.

Choosing a Bank or Credit Union

What should you keep in mind when choosing a financial institution?



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Opening an account is easy!

All you need are a few documents.

You will need...

- 2 forms of ID
- Social Security # or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)
- Address and phone number
- Cash or check to deposit
- Parent or guardian's consent and signature (if you're under 18)
 - *some accounts don't require a parent or guardian



Still not convinced you should open a bank or credit union account?

Imagine that you have a job and you need to cash your paycheck.
Where would you go if you didn't have a checking account?



Check Cashing Stores vs. Checking Accounts



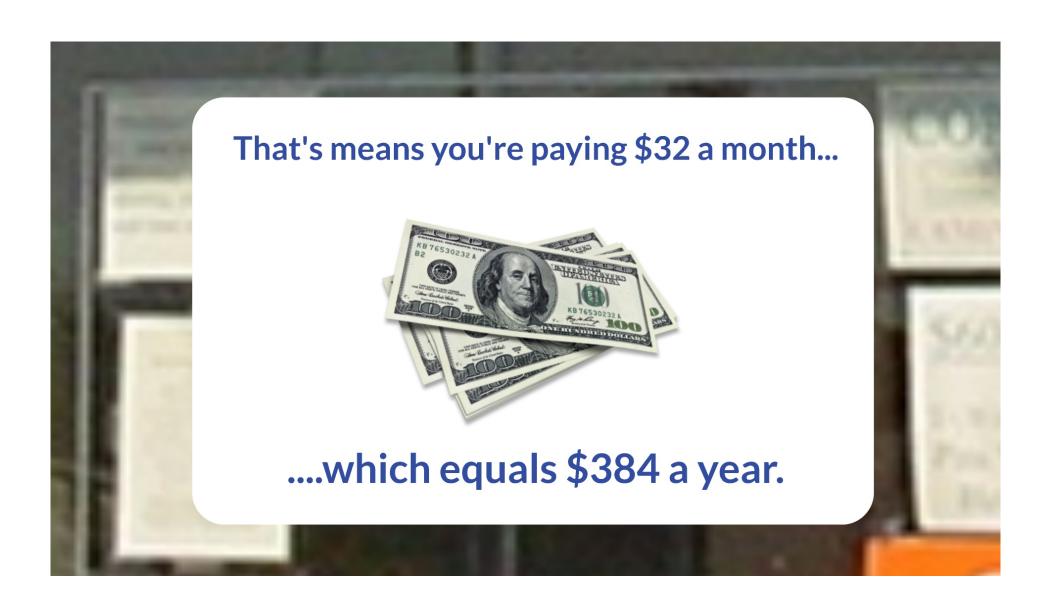
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...Your check is usually \$150 and you pay about \$8 a week to cash it at a check cashing store.



Don't pay to access your own money!



The cost to deposit into a checking account= **\$0**

Keep that \$384 for yourself!

Now that we've discussed checking accounts...

How do you manage the money in your account?

Monitoring your checking account



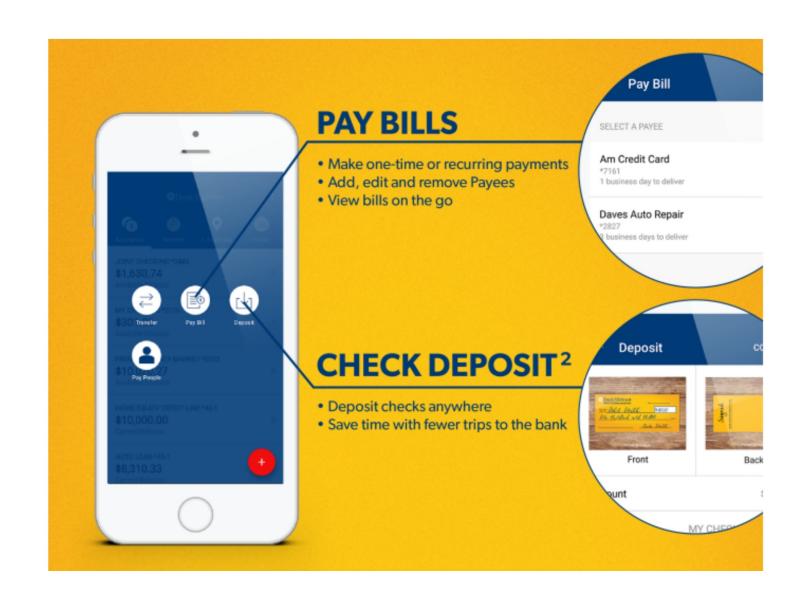


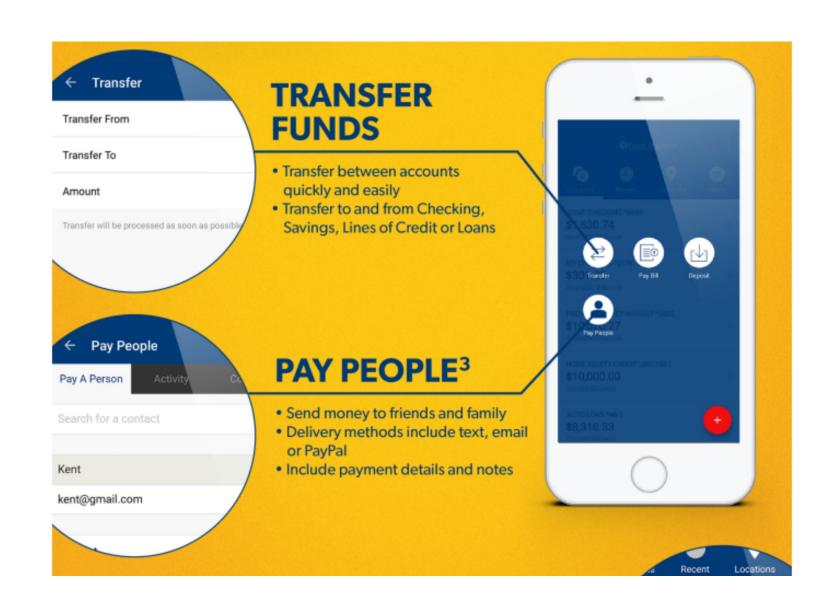
- Electronic tools from your bank or credit union are available via online and mobile banking
- You can also use other mobile apps such as Mint, YouNeedaBudget, a simple spreadsheet or a written register/journal
- Check your available balance any time, especially before buying something

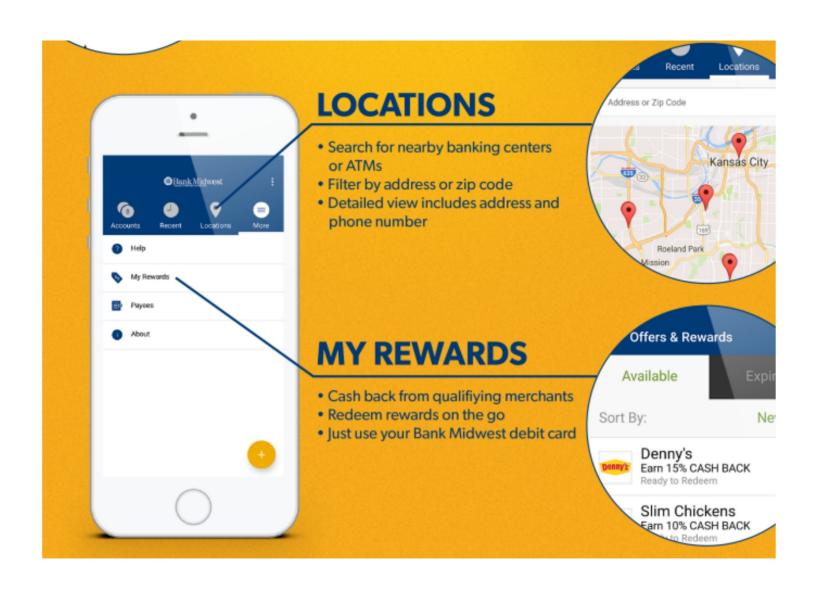
Online and Mobile Banking Features











Debit Cards

 Pay for purchases directly from your Checking Account

Withdraw at an ATM

 Cash back option when you make purchases at some retailers

Some retailers may charge a small fee to get cash back; pay attention when you choose to recieve cash back!

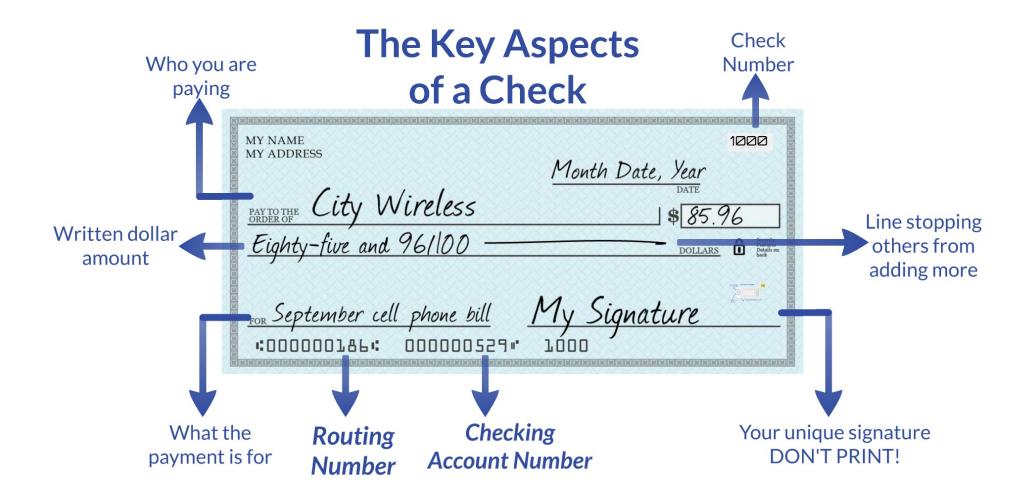


Another way to access your money is by writing a check.



The Key Aspects of a Check

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Protect these numbers!
They are the keys to your account.
You can also find them on your
mobile banking app

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Tips:

- 1) Use 2 Factor Authentication and/or use a PIN #
- 2) Opt IN for transaction push notifications
- 3) Enter data carefully pay & receive \$ only from people you know

How do these work?





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Tips:

- Some companies use them to pay employees.
- They look just like debit and credit cards.
- You can't transfer money to your checking or savings accounts from them.
- Many charge maintenance and access fees.





Credit Cards

Always remember...

- You aren't using your own money when you make a purchase with a credit card.
- Every time you purchase an item with a credit card, it is like taking out a **LOAN**.
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Tips for Shopping Online





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Klarna. afterpay





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- Designed to make it easy to overspend
- Some plans may charge interest and/or late fees
- Payments may not be reported to the three main credit bureaus, no chance to build good credit











What can you tell me about these concepts?



Which of these are you using your own money for vs using other's money that you'll have to pay back?

Credit Card

Cash App

Check

Prepaid Card

Venmo

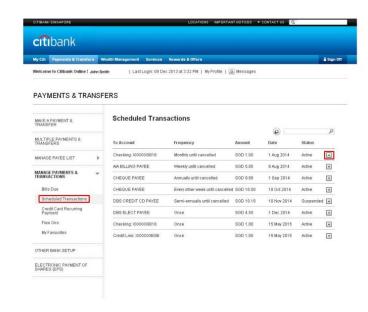
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Affirm

Now that you know how to access your money, it's important to keep track of it





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Tip: You can find your current & available balance in your mobile banking app (but pending checks won't appear here!)

More on Pending Transactions...

Pending transactions have been authorized, but they haven't cleared yet because the amount may change.

Examples:

paying for gas at the pump



leaving a tip at a restaurant



Often deposited checks are held as "pending" so that the bank or credit union can ensure that the check won't bounce BEFORE putting the money into your account.

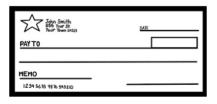
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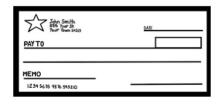
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upcoming automatic payments that you have scheduled

- streaming services
- gym memberships
- bill payments



Mobile banking can help you monitor your recurring purchases!

What happens if you don't monitor your checking account and end up overdrafting frequently?



There is a good chance that your name will end up in ChexSystems

- ChexSystems is a database that banks use to track people who mishandle checking and savings accounts.
- Before you open an account, a financial institution will check to see if you are listed as someone who has misused their accounts in some way.
- The information is shared by all financial institutions.
- Be persistant when finding a banking system that works for your personal situation!

Tips for staying in good standing with your bank!



Don't write checks or use your debit card to spend more money than you have available in your account.

- Don't forget about pending transactions and automatic payments!
- OPT OUT of overdraft protection with your debit card.
- Ask how long it will take for a deposit to be credited to your account and wait to withdraw until after that point.
- Make sure that all of your purchases and checks have cleared before closing an account.

Identity theft...

What is it?

Identity theft is when a person steals someone else's personal information, such as credit cards, bank account or social security numbers, and uses them to purchase goods or services.



How do identity thieves steal your information?

By accessing documents that are left unsecured, going through mail that has been discarded improperly, or scamming people into giving up their information through the mail, email, or phone calls



By hacking into online accounts, intercepting internet activity on unsecured WiFi networks, or phishing for personal information.

Avoiding identity theft...

- Keep your birth certificate and social security card in a safe, secure place (not with you!).
- Keep your phone, driver's license, debit cards, checkbook, credit cards and other banking documents in a safe, secure place.
- Do not give your personal information or social security number over the phone or internet unless you are sure you're talking to a reputable organization and it is necessary to do so.





- Limit your paper trail & guard your data.
- Shred personal information before discarding.
- Pick up your mail as soon as possible.
- Pay bills via online banking or mobile banking to avoid having to mail checks.
- If you do need to mail a check, use a post office mailbox.

Vide0 Protect Your Identity

Move mouse over video & click to play

Identifying Different Types of Scams



Phishing is the act of fooling a computer user into submitting personal info by creating a counterfeit website or email that looks like it should be trusted. It is a hacker technique of "fishing" for your passwords and other secret financial and personal info.



Scam Text Messages or Emails

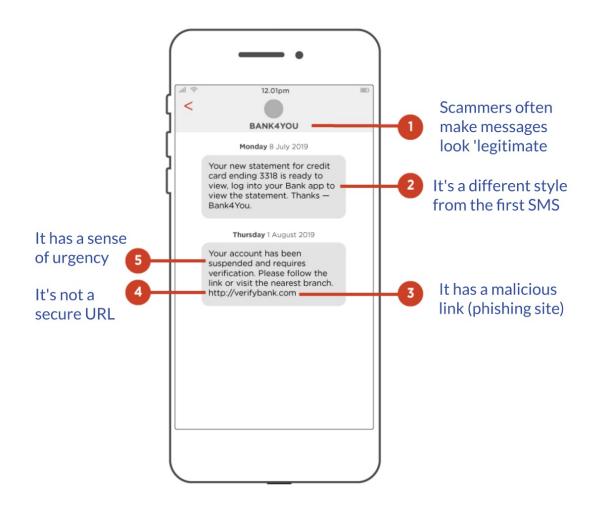
- Asking for money, website credentials, personal info
- Government warnings or threats
- Unsolicited tech support

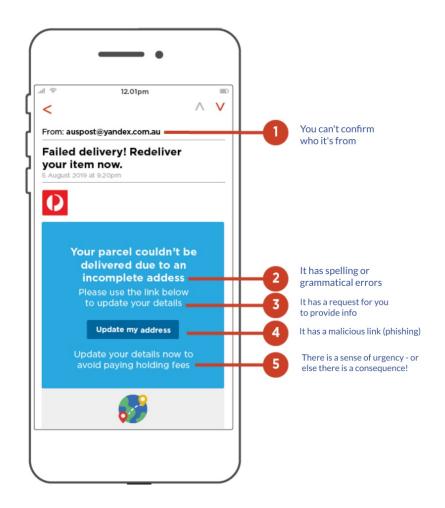
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- Shopping online is not inherently dangerous but be careful!
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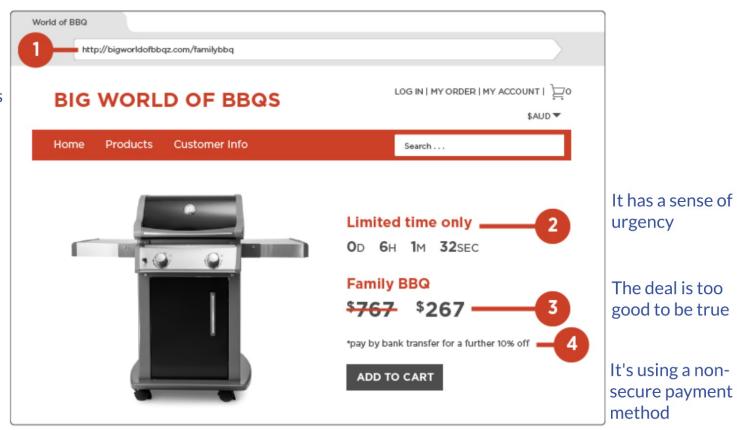






It's not secure!

Always look for the **https://** to ensure there's a secure connection



Tips for staying safe online

Secure https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox

- Ensure you are using private WiFi networks and secure websites when accessing accounts online.
- Avoid using the same password and user name for multiple accounts. Consider using a password manager!
- Be wary of friend requests, messages, and social media posts from unfamiliar individuals.
- Be on the lookout for links that seem suspicious, messages that look real but are a little 'off' and deals that are too good to be true!
- Keep your computer software updated. Download the latest versions of your operating system, web browsers, and apps.

Go Do It Now!

Financial Issue	Best Practices to Help Manage Money Responsibly	My Financial To Do List
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