



# You're Not Alone

Don't feel trapped  
by loan sharks



**STOP £LOAN SHARKS**  
Scottish Illegal Money Lending Unit



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# If you have borrowed money from a loan shark

we can offer you:

- ▲ **Immediate Support** with any urgent issues
- ▲ **Longer Term Support** to assist you in moving away from using loan sharks
- ▲ **Help** to access local services including:
  - **Debt Advice Services**
  - **Income Maximisation**
  - **Credit Unions, Savings & Affordable Credit**
  - **Addiction Counselling**
  - **Local Support Groups**
  - **Adult Learning**
  - **Benefit Issues, such as sanctions and delays**

If you have borrowed money from a loan shark, there is help and support available to you. You haven't broken the law - they have.

We have access to a wide range of services that are there for your protection, depending on your circumstances, and we work with organisations all over Scotland that can help you move away from using illegal money lenders.

If you or someone you know needs advice and support in dealing with loan sharks please contact us today and talk to a member of the Illegal Moneylending Team in confidence:

**Call our free 24-hour helpline on 0800 074 0878**

**Text 'loan shark' and the details to 07741 701 325**

**Email [stopillegallending@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:stopillegallending@cosla.gov.uk)**



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