Financial Literacy Test Review Standard 1 Decision Making & Goals

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Standard 5 Consumer Safeguards and Risk Management

# Decision Making

#### The Decision-Making Process

- Identify the problem
- Gather information and list possible alternatives
- Consider consequences of each alternative
- Select the best course of action
- Evaluate the results

# Factors that can Influence a Decision

#### A. Values

• What is important to your family, others in your culture?

#### **B.** Peers

- People you know
- Pressure for positive or negative behaviors

#### C. Habits

You are accustomed to doing it this way

#### D. Feelings (love, anger, frustration, ambivalence, rejection)

- If you do make a certain decision
- If you don't make a certain decision

## Factors that can Influence a Decision

#### E. Family

- Your family's preference
- Decisions other family members have made

#### F. Risks and consequences

- What (or how much) you stand to win
- What (or how much) you stand to lose

#### G. Age

- Minor
- Adult

#### T-Chart

Cons

Using a T-chart to list pros and cons related to decisions can help make the decision making process simple.

# Choosing Brand Name Jeans Over No-Name Jeans

Pros	Cons
Better Fit	Cost More
Popular people will	I will look just like everyone else.
notice me. Feel better about myself.	I can only afford one
	pair.

# Forms of Peer Pressure as it Relates to Purchasing Decisions

- Friends
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- TelephoneDirectories

- Direct Mail
- Commercials
- Catalogs
- RadioAdvertisements



### Emotional Factors Related to Peer Pressure

- Gossip
- Acceptance
- Disapproval
- Insecurities
- Boyfriend/Girlfriend
- Sarcasm

- Fear
- Clubs
- Athletics
- Cliques
- Rich/Poor



# Examples of Marketing, Advertising & Sales Strategies

- Clearance Sales
- Holiday Sales
- Coupons
- Rebates
- Sweepstakes
- Contests
- Sales People

- Attractive Décor
- Background Music
- Items purchased most often are in back of store (bread/milk)
- Most profitable items are given prominent positions.

# Financial Planning





- More than budgeting
- More than investing
- Financial planning is a thinking process that helps achieve goals.
- A blueprint or plan for managing all components of a person's money.
- Arranging to spend, save, and invest money to live comfortably, have financial security, and achieve goals.

### Components of a Financial Plan

- Goals
- Net Worth Statement
- Budget
- o Insurance Plan
- Savings Plan
- Investment Plan



# Benefits of Having a Financial Plan You have more money and financial security.

- You know where to use money to achieve your goals.
- You have less chance of going into debt you cannot handle.



Plan?

Determine your current financial situation.

Make a list of items that relate to your finances:

- Savings/Investments
- Monthly Income
  - (Job Earnings, Allowance, Gifts, Interest)
- Monthly Expenses
- Debts

#### 2. Develop your financial goals.

Consider your attitude toward money.

#### Ask yourself the following:

- How do I determine if it is more important to spend money now, or save it for the future?
- How do your personal values affect your financial decisions?

#### 3. Identify your options.

- Continue the same course of action.
- Expand the current situation.
- Change the current situation.
- Start something new.

#### 4. Evaluate your alternatives.

Consider the risks and consequences of each decision you make.

- Be aware of all sources of financial information.
- Evaluate consequences of choices, both good and bad.
- Understand risks involved with choices.

Create and use your financial plan of action.

#### Review and revise your plan.

As we get older and our circumstances, our finances, needs, and wants will change, therefore, our financial plan must be flexible as well.



Values, Wants and Needs

Values strongly influence our spending habits. We don't usually spend our money on things we do not feel are important. Typically, the more important something is, the more we are willing to spend on it.

#### Values

 The beliefs and practices in your life that are very important to you.



- Family
- Friends
- Work
- Honesty
- Self Reliance
- Independence
- Religion

## Scarcity

"Scarcity is an economic principle stating that because of limited resources, an economic system cannot possibly produce all the goods and services that people want; therefore, choices must be made about how the limited resources will be used."

-Consumer Economics & Education, Glencoe, 2003

### **NEEDS vs WANTS**

#### NEEDS

- Essentials...the basics of life
- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter





### **NEEDS vs WANTS**

#### WANTS

 Simply increase the quality of living









# Goal Setting





### What is a goal?

- A written statement of something a person wants or needs to accomplish.
  - Examples
    - Graduate from high school
    - Earn a college degree
    - Buy a car
    - Get a job
    - Lose 15 pounds

### **SMART** Goals

**Specific.....** "Pay for lodging, transportation, meals for a 5-day trip to Washington, D.C."

**M**easurable

"\$300 through fundraising, \$50 from birthday money, save \$25 a week."

Attainable....

"If I stick to my plan, I' II have the money when I need it."

Realistic..... "I still have enough money to live on while I work toward this goal."

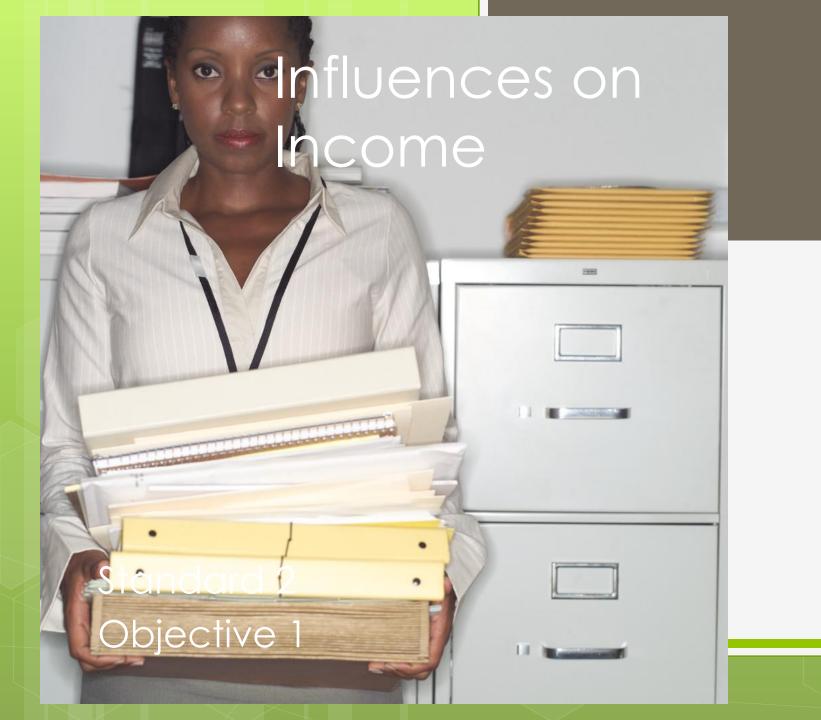
Time-Limited.. "I need to have all the money by 6 months from now."

Source: NEFE PowerPoint available online

#### Time-bound Goals

- Short Term Goals
  - Present to 6 months
- Long Term Goals
  - 6 month and longer
- THIS WILL VARY AMONG
- RESOURCES



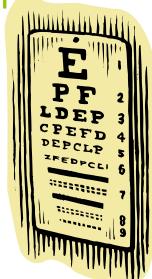


#### Sources of Income

- Wages and Salaries/Allowances
- Investment Income
- Self-employment
- Inheritance
- Gifts
- Awards
- o Lottery!

Common Employee Benefits

- Paid Vacation Holidays
- Paid Sick Days
- Health Insurance
- Disability Income Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Dental/Vision Insurance
- Profit Sharing



#### Factors that Affect Income

- the level of education, training, and experience that is required to do a particular job
- the level of demand that exists for the type of labor you are skilled/trained/educated to provide
- the number of others who have similar or better skills who can compete for the job
- how good you are at what you do
- how long you have been working your experience, your seniority
- your work habits, reliability
- the state of the economy

# Tax Forms & Deductions





# Net Income vs. Gross Income

- **Gross income** is the total amount a worker is paid before any required or voluntary deductions are made.
- **Net income**, also called "take home pay," is the amount a person receives when he cashes or deposits his check. It is the remaining amount after deductions are made.

# Gross Income

<u>Deductions</u> Net Income

# Required Payroll Deductions

• By law, employers must pay taxes deducted from employee paychecks. The most common taxes are federal and state, and sometimes cities have their own local taxes. In addition, employees have to pay a Social Security Tax (FICA), and Medicare tax contribution with each paycheck.

# Voluntary Payroll Deductions

- Health Insurance
- Retirement Savings
- Union Dues
- Charitable Contributions

# What are taxes?

• Taxes are required contributions to state revenue, levied by the government on personal income and business profits or added to the cost of some goods, services, and transactions.

# State & Federal Income Tax

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# Social Security

The Social Security tax is also called the FICA tax.

(Federal Insurance Contributions Act)

Social Security taxes provide the following benefits for employees and their dependents:

- retirement benefits
- benefits for the dependents of retired workers
- benefits for the disabled and their dependents



# Medicare

• The Medicare tax is used to provide medical benefits for certain individuals when they reach age 65. Workers, retired workers, and the spouses of workers and retired workers are eligible to receive Medicare benefits upon reaching age 65.

# Other Taxes

- Property tax
- Sales tax
- Gasoline tax
- Local/City taxes



# What is tax money used for?

- Bridges
- Road maintenance
- Research
- Education
- Armed services, national defense, veterans, and foreign affairs
- Retirement income for elderly
- Social programs
- Physical, human, and community development
- Law enforcement
- Interest on the national debt

# Tax Forms

- Federal Tax
  - W-4
  - 0 |-9
  - o W-2
  - 1040EZ

- Utah State Tax Form
  - TC-40

# W4

 You use W-4 Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate Form to establish your withholding allowances for Federal income taxes.

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- An I-9 Form is the Employment Eligibility Verification Form required by the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) to verify your identity and your eligibility to work.
- All employees must complete this form and provide valid original identifications.
- You are not eligible for pay until Payroll Services receives a satisfactory I-9.

# W-2

- Form W-2 reflects all taxable wages you received during the calendar year and all taxes withheld from those wages.
- The form serves as an annual report that enables you to file your personal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

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Similar to the 1040 income tax form, 1040EZ is a faster and easier way to file your taxes. This form is only eligible for people with income less than \$50,000 and interest income of \$400 or less.

# Career Impact on Income

# Earning Power

- Earning power is the ability to earn money in exchange for work. How much you earn depends on the value of your skills in the marketplace.
- An individual's value as a worker—
  the wage or salary received for a
  specific job—is related to the skill level
  and education of the worker, the
  demand for that work in society, and
  the availability of qualified workers.

# Earning Power

 Generally, in our society, people with higher education and more skills earn more money on the job than those with less education and fewer skills.

# Value of Education

High school dropout, no degree	\$19,226
High school diploma	\$28,950
Two-year college associate's degree	\$36,395
Four-year college graduate with bachelor's degree	\$51,568
Post-graduate degree (six plus years)	\$67,073

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2005 Annual Social and Economic Supplement

These figures show that for the average person, finishing high school is worth about \$10,000 more (compared with dropping out). And finishing college nearly doubles the worth of that number to \$22,000 more!

# Entrepreneurship Entrepreneur

- Willing to take risks
- A person who creates a business from scratch.
- Self employed
- Strong sense of discipline
- Be your own boss
- Beat the competition



# Entrepreneurship

- RISKS
  - No guarantees
  - No regular paycheck
  - No boss
  - Long hours
  - Assume debt of business

- REWARDS
  - Be your own boss
  - Keep profits
  - Control
  - Satisfaction
  - Pursue talent and creativity

# Spending Plans

# What is a spending plan?

- A tool used to record and track projected and actual income and expenses over a period of time.
- Also called a budget.

# Benefits of Spending Plans

A spending plan can help you:

- Put aside money for savings goals
- Prepare for regular expenses
- Prepare for unexpected expenses
- Control how you spend money
- Reduce stress and increase confidence
- Provide an excuse to calm excessive spending

### Before creating a spending plan...

- Track your spending.
  - Before making a budget, spend a couple of weeks writing down every penny you spend.
  - This will help you have a better idea of where your dollar amounts should be when making a budget.

# How do I make a spending plan?

- 1. Assess your personal financial situation (needs, values, life situation).
- Set personal and financial goals.
- 3. Create a budget for fixed and variable expenses based on projected income.
- Monitor current spending (saving, investing) patterns.
- 5. Compare your budget to what you actually spent.
- 6. Review financial progress and revise budget amounts.

# Checking Account & Debit Cards



# What is a Checking Account?

- Common financial service used by many consumers
- Funds are easily accessed
  - Check
  - ATM (automated teller machine)
  - Debit card
  - Telephone
  - Internet
- Services and fees vary depending upon the financial institution



# Why Do People Use Checking Accounts?

- Reduces the need to carry large amounts of cash
- Convenience useful for paying bills
- Spending Plan Tool
  - Keeps a record of where money is spent
- Safety using checks is safer than carrying cash

# What is a Check?

O Used at the time of purchase as the form of payment

- Piece of paper pre-printed with the account holder's:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Financial institution
  - Identification numbers



# Bouncing a Check

- Check written for an amount over the current balance held in the account
  - 'Bounces' due to insufficient funds, or not enough money in the account to cover the check written
- A fee will be charged to the account holder
- Harm future opportunities for credit



# Other Checking Components

### Checking Account Register

- Place to immediately record all monetary transactions for a checking account
  - Written checks, ATM withdrawals, debit card purchases, deposits and additional bank fees

#### Checkbook

 Contains the checks and the register to track monetary transactions

## ATM



- Automated teller machine, or a cash machine
- Can be used to withdraw cash and make deposits
- Additional fees may be assessed if the ATM used is not provided by the financial institution sponsoring the card

# **Debit Card**

- Plastic card that looks like a credit card
- Electronically connected to a bank account
- Money is automatically taken from the bank account when purchases are made
- Requires a PIN (personal identification number)
  - Confirms the user is authorized to access the account

### Pros and Cons - Debit Cards

### <u>Pros</u>

#### Cons

- Convenient
- Small
- Can be used like a credit card
- Allows a person to carry less cash
- Does not allow overspending

- Can lose track of balance if transactions are not written down
- Opens checking account up to credit fraud
- Others can gain access to the account if the card is lost and PIN is known

# Banking Services & Credit

Financial Services, Credit Scores, Cost of Credit

### Financial Institutions

- Banks
- Credit Unions
- Investment brokers
- Loan Agencies

## Financial Institution Services

- Checking Accounts
- Debit Cards
- Savings Accounts
- Loans
- Internet Banking
- Online Bill Pay

- Direct Deposit earnings (or government payments) automatically deposited into bank accounts, saving time, effort and money.
- Automated Payments utility companies, loan payments, and other businesses use an automatic payment system with bills paid through direct withdrawal from an account.

- Automatic Teller Machines allow customers to obtain cash and conduct banking transactions; some ATMs sell bus passes, postage stamps, gift certificates, and mutual funds.
- Point of Sale Transactions acceptance of ATM/check cards at retail stores and restaurants for payment of goods and services.
- Stored Value Cards Prepaid cards for telephone service, transit fares, highway tolls, laundry service, library fee, and school lunches.

- Electronic Cash companies are developing electronic replicas of all existing payment systems – cash, check, credit cards, and coins.
- Cyberbanking banking through online services. Financial institutions with Web site "cyber" branches allow customers to check balances, pay bills, transfer funds, compare savings plans, and apply for loans on the Internet.

• Smart Cards – are sometimes called "electronic wallets", and look like ATM cards; however, they also include a microchip. This minicomputer stores prepaid amounts for buying goods and services. It can also store data about a person's account balances, transaction records, insurance information, and medical history.

## Credit Rating

 A measure of a person's ability and willingness to make credit payments on time.

### Three C's of Credit

Gapital Gharacter Gapacity

Personal items of value

The ability to be trusted

The ability to repay a loan

## Info Found on Credit Report

A Consumer Credit Report (CCR) details, in depth information about your credit history, and will also include:

- Your full name
- Any alias's that you have used
- Social Security Number
- Current address
- Previous addresses

Your credit report <u>may also</u> <u>contain</u>:

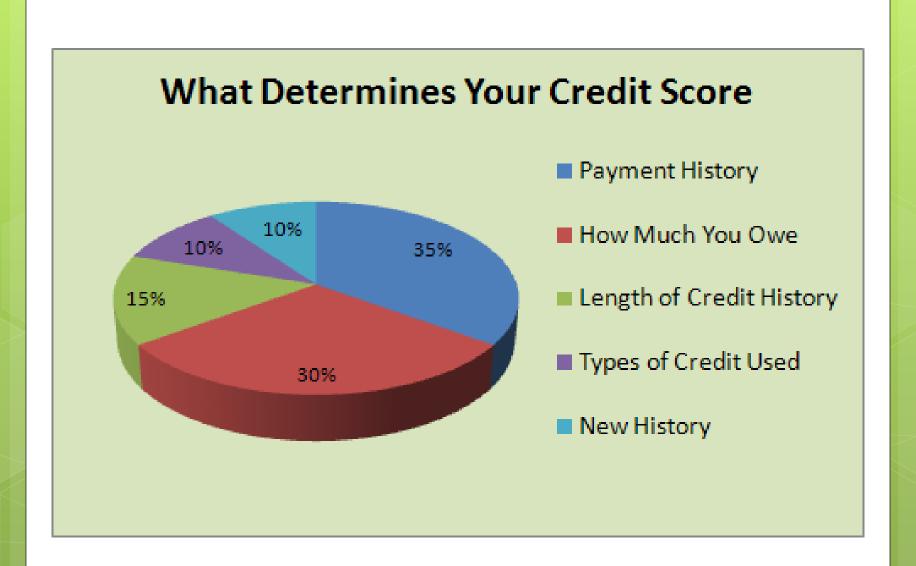
Your phone number Age/date of birth Your employer's details

## Info NOT Found on Credit Report

- Race
- Color
- •Sex
- National origin
- Marital status
- Political persuasion
- Medical Bill Details (Lender Reports)

## What is a Credit Score? (FICO)

- Snapshot of a person's financial standing at a particular point in time
- The one <u>most widely used</u> is the "FICO" score (Fair Isaac Corporation)
- The FICO score, a three-digit number between 300 and 850



# Benefits of Using Credit

### Convenience of Purchase

 Buying on credit can be more convenient than using cash. Using credit makes the initial purchase very easy.

## Less Risk of Losing Cash at the Time of Purchase

• When using cash, you have to worry about someone stealing it. One who loses a credit card has a limited or no liability for unauthorized charges if the card company is notified.

## Strategies for maintaining positive credit include:

- Practicing good banking techniques, such as not bouncing checks
- Paying bills on time and consistently
- Avoiding bankruptcy
- Not having a criminal record
- Having a low number of credit/store cards
- Removing errors from credit report
- Maintaining reasonable amounts of unused credit

### Credit Reporting Agencies

- EquiFax
  - 1.800.685.1111 <u>www.equifax.com</u>
- Experian
  - 1.888.397.3742 <u>www.experian.com</u>
- TransUnion
  - 1.800.860.7289 <u>www.transunion.com</u>
- www.annualcreditreport.com

## Good Debt vs. Bad Debt GOOD

- A **reasonable** Mortgage Loan
- A reasonable Auto Loan
- Student Loans
- Business Loans
- Small Credit Load

These "GOOD" debts may be needed, but you can over-leverage yourself. In that case, it could be considered a bad debt.

### Who Looks at Your Credit?

- Lenders
  - Credit Cards
  - Store Cards
  - Auto Loans
  - Mortgages
  - Personal Loans
  - Furniture Loans
  - Computer Loans

- Utility Companies
- Cell Phone Companies
- Insurance Carrier
- Employers
- Military (Security Clearance)
- Rental agents
- Bank
  - (checking/savings accts)

#### Which Accounts Build Credit?

#### YES

- Credit Cards
- Store Cards
- Auto Loans
- Mortgages
- Personal Loans
- Furniture Loans
- Computer Loans

#### NO

- Checking/Savings Accts
- Cell Phone
- Utilities
- Insurance
- Rental Agents (Housing)
- Employers
- Payday Loans
- Title Loan Companies

## Credit Scores Affect Financial Options

- HIGH SCORES
  - Low interest rate on loans
  - Ability to receive loans/credit
  - Reflects borrower is a low risk to lender
  - Ability to acquire conveniences such as cell phones and credit cards

- LOW SCORES
  - High interest rate on loans
  - Inability to receive loans/credit
  - Reflects borrower is high risk for lenders
  - Inability to acquire conveniences

## How do I build credit if I have never had it?

- Open a line of Credit: Credit Card
  - Buy things you would normally buy, pay off at the end of each month
  - o If you don't qualify, consider a secured card
  - Take caution when asking for a co-signer
  - Buy things you would normally buy during the month
  - Pay the account off in full at the end of each month



## Bankruptcy

 A legal process to get out of debt when you can no longer make all your required payment.

## Reasons for Bankruptcy

- Natural Disaster
- Medical Expenses
- Job Loss
- Business Losses
- Credit Card Debt

## Debt

• The entire amount of money a person owes to lenders.



### Inflation

- An increase in the price of goods and services. A dollar in the future won't buy as much as a dollar today.
  - Did you know...
    - Inflation usually averages between 3% and 4% each year.
    - Inflation has influenced our economy for decades ranging from .5% to 18%.
    - In 1971 a first class stamp cost 8 cents.

## Bankruptcy Basics

- Chapter 7
  - LIQUIDATION
    - wipes out all allowable debts and allows certain personal property exemptions.
- Chapter 13
  - REORGANIZATON
    - o is a court-approved repayment plan.

## Alternatives to Bankruptcy

- Out of court settlement
- Reduction of payments
- Attaining help from consumer credit counseling
- Payment of debts by selling or borrowing on property.

## Things to Consider BEFORE Filing

- A bankruptcy filing could determine whether or not you get a job.
- Your insurance rates could rise.
- You may find it difficult to rent an apartment or qualify for a home loan.
- Bankruptcies stay on your credit report for 10 years.
- Bankruptcy can lower your credit score.

Savings vs. Investing





## Savings

Savings is the portion of current income not spent on consumption.

## Investments

Investing is the purchase of assets with the goal of increasing future income.

## Risk, Return, and Liquidity

#### Risk

 The chance that the value of an investment will decrease.

#### Return

• The profit or yield from an investment.

#### Liquidity

 The ability of an investment to be converted into cash quickly without loss of value.

## Risk, Return, and Liquidity

- Savings
  - Low risk
  - Low return
  - High liquidity

- •Investments
  - High risk
  - High return
  - Low liquidity

Time Value of Money
The time value of money refers to the fact that a dollar in hand today is worth more than a dollar promised at some future time.

### **Future Value**

- Refers to the amount of money to which an investment will grow over a finite period of time at a given interest rate.
- Put another way, future value is the cash value of an investment at a particular time in the future.



## Types of Investments

- Stocks
- Bonds
- Mutual Funds
- Real Estate
- Savings/Certificates of Deposit
- Collectibles

#### Stocks

• An investment that represents ownership in a company or corporation.

# How Well the Stock Market is Doing Overall

#### 3 Basic Indicators

- Dow Jones Industrial Average ("DOW")
  - Lists the 30 leading industrial blue chip stocks
- Standard and Poor's 500 Composite Index
  - Covers market activity for 500 stocks
  - More accurate than DOW because it evaluates a greater variety of stock
- National Association of Security Dealers Automated Quotations ("NASDAQ")
  - Monitors fast moving technology companies
  - Speculative stocks, show dramatic ups and downs

### Ups and Downs

• The term bull market means the market is doing well because investors are optimistic about the economy and are purchasing stocks

 The term bear market means the market is doing poorly and investors are not purchasing stocks or selling stocks already owned

#### **Brokers**

- A Broker is a person who is licensed to buy and sell stocks, provide investment advice, and collect a commission on each purchase or sale
  - Purchases stocks on an organized exchange (stock market)
  - Over ¾ of all stocks are bought and sold on an organized exchange

### New York Stock Exchange

- New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)
  - Oldest and largest, began in 1792
  - 1,366 seats available
  - 2,800 companies
  - Average stock price is \$33.00
  - Strict requirements

### American Stock Exchange

- American Stock Exchange
  - o Began in 1849
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exchange
  - It's requirements are not as strict as NYSE allowing younger, smaller companies to list
  - Average stock price is \$24.00

#### NASDAQ

- National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations
  - Stocks are traded in an over the counter electronic market
  - 4,000 small companies
    - Company requirements are not as strict
  - More volatile because companies are young and new
  - Average stock price is \$11.00

#### Bonds

 A security representing a loan of money from a lender to a borrower for a set time period, which pays a fixed rate of interest.

#### Mutual Funds

 An investment that pools money from several investors to buy a particular type of investment, such as stocks.

#### Real Estate

 An investor buys pieces of property, such as land or a building, in hopes of generating a profit.

## Savings/Certificates of Deposits

- A deposit that earns a fixed interest rate for a specified length of time.
  - The longer the time period the greater the rate of return.
  - There is a substantial penalty for early withdrawal.

#### Collectibles

- Unique items that are relatively rare or highly valued.
  - Art work
  - Baseball trading cards
  - Coins
  - Automobiles
  - Antiques



## Identity Theft & Consumer Protection

### Consumer Rights & Responsibilities

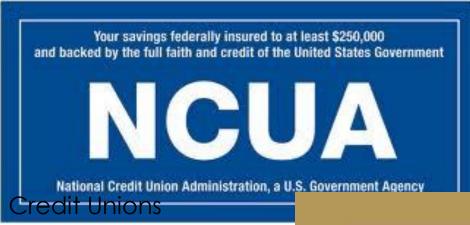
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To Safety	To Use Products Safely
To Be Informed	To Seek Information and Use it to make Decisions
To Choose	To Choose Goods and Services Carefully
To Be Heard	To Speak Up and Let Likes and Dislikes Be Known

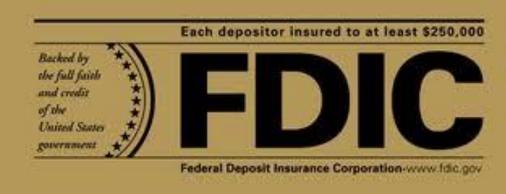
Consumer Bill of Rights (State of the Union Address of 1962, President John F. Kennedy)
Source: Thomson South-Western, *Economic Education for Consumers*, USOE Adult Roles & Responsibilities

## Agencies & Sources of Assistance

Food & Drug Administration (FDA)	www.fda.gov
Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)	www.cpsc.gov
Federal Trade Commission (FTC)	www.ftc.gov
Better Business Bureau (BBB)	www.bbb.org
Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP)	www.ftc.gov
Consumer Unions (Consumer Product-Testing Organizations)	Consumer Report Consumer Research Changing Times

#### Who Protects Savers?





#### Fraud

- A deliberate deception, designed to secure unfair or unlawful gain.
  - ("Cheating the Consumer")

## Identity Theft Land" "True-name Fraud"

- •Someone wrongfully acquires and uses a consumer's personal identification, credit, or account information without your permission.
- This information may include:
  - Social Security Numbers
  - Name
  - Address
  - Date of Birth
  - Mother's Maiden Name
  - Passwords
  - PINs

## Ways to Avoid Identity Theft

Monitor your credit report.

o Don't give out personal information to unknown people or companies.

• Protect your credit and debit cards.

Protect your mailbox.

• Protect your wallet.

 Use passwords and PINs that cannot be easily guessed.

 Use anti-virus software on your computer.

 Notify your bank when you change your address or phone number.

## Insurance & Risk Management





## Risk Management

• "In exchange for a relatively small payment, which is the premium, you" re protected against the chance of a big financial setback, a large loss."

## Risk Management

 Means you use various ways to deal with potential personal or financial losses.

#### Insurance



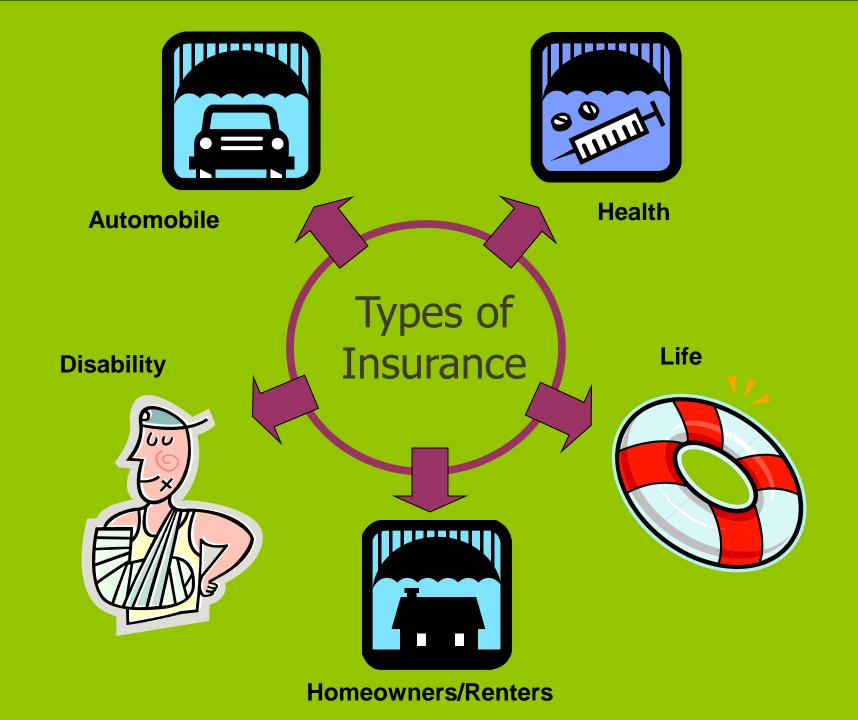
Protection against large-scale financial loss

#### **Insurance Premium**

- The payment you make to an insurance company in exchange for its promise of protection and help.
- Can be monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

#### Deductible

- The amount of the loss you must pay out of your own pocket before the insurance company begins to reimburse you.
- Range from \$100-\$1,000+
- SHOP AROUND for best rates



#### **Auto Insurance**

- Liability Coverage
- Medical Payments
- Uninsured Motorist
- Underinsured Motorist
- Collision





#### **Auto Policies**

## The following factors can influence the cost of the policy.

- Age
- Gender
- Marital Status
- Type of Car
- Cost of Repairs

- Mileage
- Location
- Law Enforcement
- Driving Record

#### Health Insurance

 Pays the medical bills in case or your family members, become sick or injured.

Most will cover you until age 19. If you are in college, they may extend until 23.



### **Property Insurance**

- Protects your material possessions in case they are damaged by fire, flood, or theft.
- Homeowner's insurance vs Renter's Insurance

#### Life Insurance



- Anytime someone else depends on your income to help pay bills, you need life insurance.
- Protects people who depend on you financially in the event of your untimely death.
- Term Life vs Whole Life

#### **Future Insurance Needs**

Health Insurance

Property Insurance

Life Insurance

Disability Insurance

Liability Insurance



### **Estate Planning**

- Estate planning is preparing a plan for transferring property during one's lifetime and at one's death.
- Goal should be to minimize taxes on the estate, make known how you want your possessions distributed, and to provide for a smooth transfer of your possessions to loved ones after death.

## **Tools for Estate Planning**

- Will
- Trust
- Joint Ownership of Assets

#### Will

 A legal document that tells how you want your estate to be distributed after your death.

### Power of Attorney

• A legal instrument authorizing one to act as another's attorney or agent.

#### **Trust**

 A legal document in which an individual gives someone else control of property, for ultimate distribution to another person.

## Retirement Planning





## Sources of retirement income:

#### Pension plans

- 401(k), 403(b)
- Traditional IRA
- Roth IRA
- Keogh plan
- Social Security

## Planning for retirement is your responsibility!

- Traditional employer-funded retirement plans are disappearing.
- Social Security benefits may not insure a comfortable lifestyle.
- Without a retirement plan, you could face a future of financial uncertainties and hardships.

## Compound Interest

 Interest which is calculated not only on the initial principal, but also the accumulated interest of prior periods.







#### Rule of 72

- Tells you how long it takes your money to double in value.
- Divide 72 by the interest rate to determine number of years to double.
- Divide 72 by years to determine rate needed to double your money in a given time period.