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Quick Tips

Each month we will highlight a new section of the website. This month's featured section focuses on quick tips.



Quick Tips
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I'm having problems with my landlord. Who to call for legal assistance?

Contact: Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors at: 1-800-347-5297.

I want to make sure that my financial advisor is registered and in good standing. Who do I call?

Contact the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, at 1-877-999-6442.

Who should I talk to before buying home medical equipment?

Check the company's reputation with your health care specialist and call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-877-765-8388.

How do I put a stop to receiving credit offers in the mail?

Call toll-free 1-888-567-8688 or visit www.optoutprescreen.com.

You will be asked to provide your Social Security Number.

[More Quick Tips...](#)

What is a Reverse Mortgage?

Reverse mortgages are loans that allow you to convert the equity in your home to cash. Instead of repaying a loan and building equity like a traditional mortgage, you are receiving payments and decreasing the equity you have already built in your home.

Reverse mortgages are not right for everyone. Before you decide, consider these points:

1. [What is a Reverse Mortgage?](#)
2. [Qualifying for a Reverse Mortgage](#)
3. [Repaying a Reverse Mortgage](#)
4. [Benefits and Pitfalls to Reverse Mortgages](#)
5. [Important Questions to Ask a Lender](#)
6. [Types of Reverse Mortgages](#)
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For more information visit:
www.aarp.org/money.

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CDC Says "Take 3" Actions To Fight The Flu

Flu is a serious contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. In 2009–2010, a new and very different flu virus (called 2009 H1N1) spread worldwide causing the first flu pandemic in more than 40 years. Flu is unpredictable, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expects the 2009 H1N1 virus to spread this upcoming season along with other seasonal flu viruses. CDC urges you to take the following actions to protect yourself and others from influenza (the flu):

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine.
2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.
3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

More information is available [here](#).

Source: Center for Disease Control & Prevention www.cdc.gov/flu.