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Savings 101

WHERE SHOULD I SAVE MY MONEY?

What are my options?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put my money in a safe place at home.• Savings Account• 529 College Savings Plan

SHOULD I SAVE MY MONEY AT HOME?

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can visually see all my money.• I have unlimited access to my money in case of emergency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am more likely to spend my savings if I can access it anytime I am home.• Cash is not safe. It can easily be stolen and you will not be able to recover it.

SHOULD I SAVE MY MONEY IN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT?

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I know my money is safe in my account.• I am less likely to spend my savings if it is harder to gain access to it.• If I need have an emergency and need my savings I can access it.• Earns money through interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have to go to the bank or login online to check my balance.• If my bank is closed, my withdraw amounts are limited by ATM withdraw limits.

SHOULD I SAVE MY MONEY IN A 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN?

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My account will earn money through investments.• Any money my account earns is tax-free.• Many states offer additional benefits like the ability to lock in current tuition rates or state tax deductions for contributions to a 529.• If I don't attend college or secondary education, the plan can be changed to my child or	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I will have heavy penalties to using my money if I'm not spending on college or secondary education expense.• I will need a parent/guardian's help setting up and managing my plan.

another beneficiary at a later time.	
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Regular Savers vs. Sometimes Savers

You just started working your first job, you take home around \$1,000 every month. After paying your rent, utilities, transportation, groceries, and your cell phone bill you have \$300 left. If you are a regular saver, your bank automatically puts \$200 of your paycheck every month into your savings account, and you are left with \$100. If you are a sometimes saver, you have all \$300 left to spend. Below are a few things you could spend your money on. Choose the things that you would want to purchase with your remaining money, feel free to add your own expenses. Remember that you can put as much money as you want into savings at any time!

Netflix: \$15	Movie Theater: \$15
Chips and Soda for the Month:\$20	Head Phones: \$50
Dining out with friends: \$50	Concert of your choice: \$50
Shopping (Clothes, shoes, etc.):\$_____	Savings: \$_____