

## **WISE** USE OF CREDIT



#### **REGIONS NEXT STEP**

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#### **AGENDA** TODAY WE WILL ANSWER THESE BIG QUESTIONS . . .

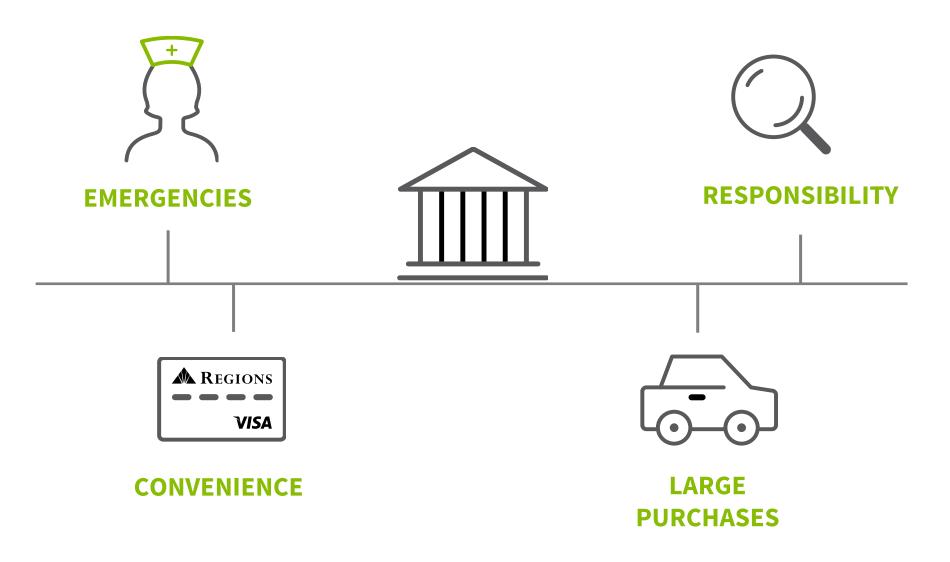
What is credit and why is it important?
How is your credit established?

**3.** What is a credit report and score?

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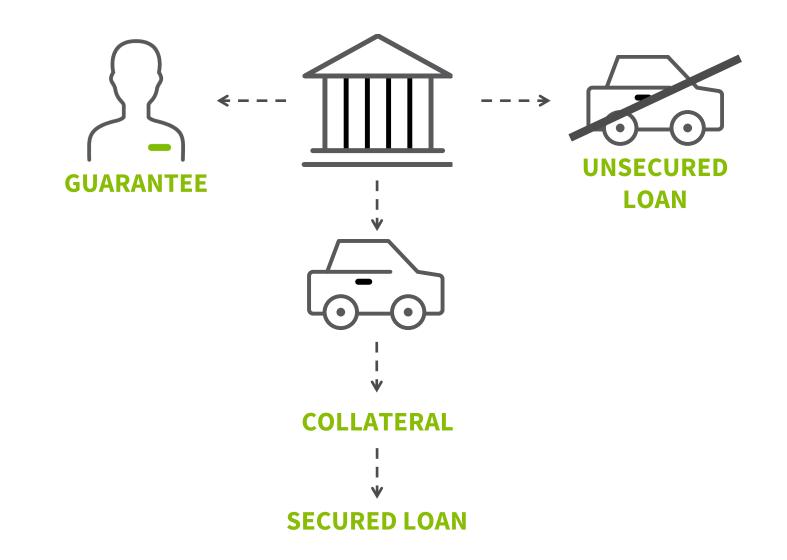
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#### **TYPES OF LOANS**

- Home
- Consumer installment
- Credit card





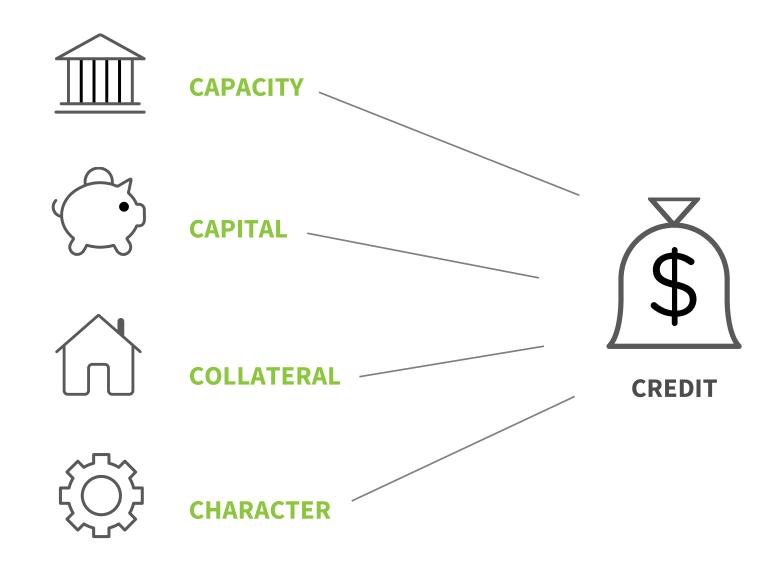


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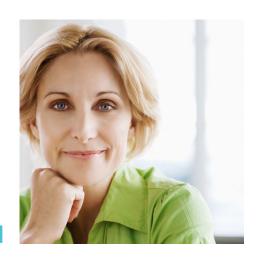




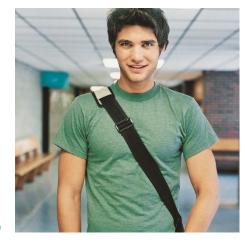
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#### YOU MAKE THE CALL





BOB



WENDY

**JEAN** 



#### **MIRANDA'S SON**

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# INFORM YOURSELF

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#### **CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES**





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## WHAT IS IN A CREDIT REPORT?

#### **GETTING A LOAN**



#### **OTHER FACTORS INFLUENCING LENDERS**



#### **GETTING A LOAN**



#### **CREDIT REPORT USES**

- To obtain loans and other credit
- To get certain kinds of jobs

- For housing (rental applications and mortgages)
- To obtain insurance





#### HOW MUCH OF A CREDIT RISK ARE YOU?

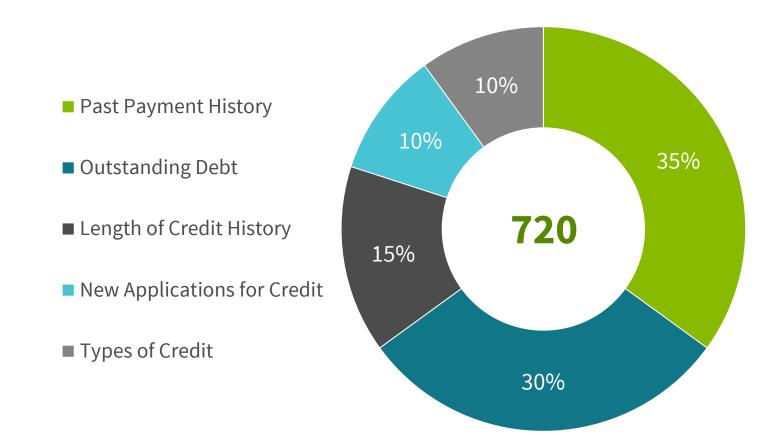


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#### WHAT MAY DETERMINE YOUR CREDIT SCORE?



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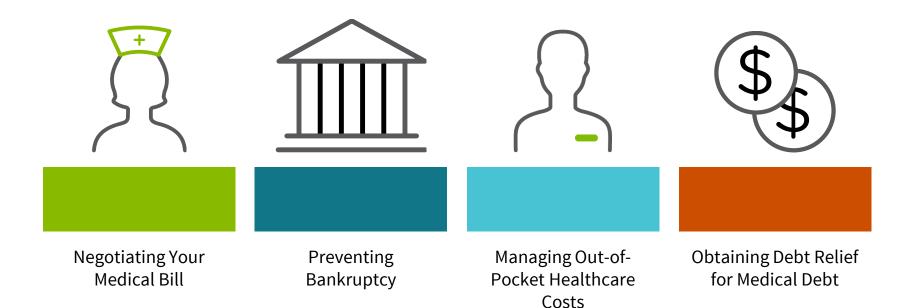
### MEET CATHY

Cathy is 25, but has never had a credit card or a loan. Her credit history is almost nonexistent, except for an inquiry by her landlord when she rented her apartment.



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#### **GETTING HELP**

#### **Credit Counseling Agencies**

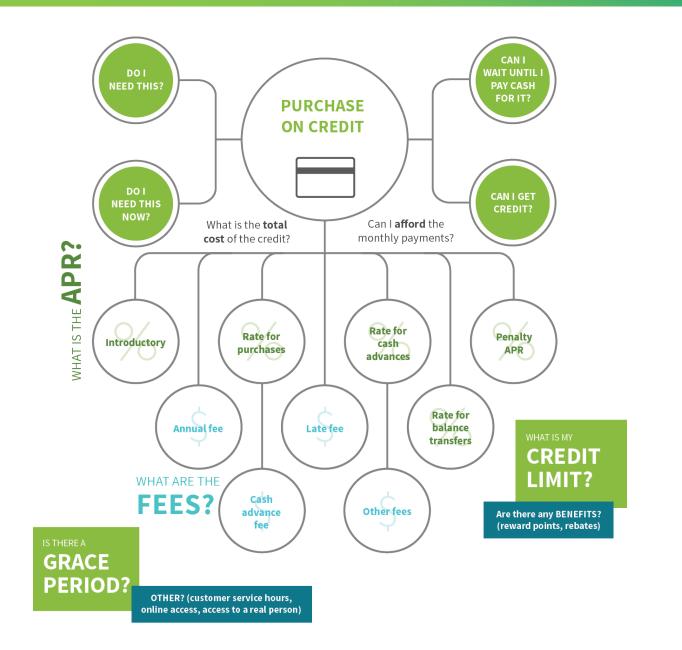
- Interview several companies before signing a contract
- Be sure they are reputable
- Ask questions about services, fees and a repayment plan





#### **APPLYING FOR CREDIT**





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#### **CONGRATULATIONS** TODAY, YOU WILL LEAVE WITH:

- A deeper understanding of credit and why it's important to have good credit
- Knowledge of terms related to credit and types of loans
- What's in a credit report and how it's used
- Advice to help you avoid credit repair scams

#### Thank you.

#### TOOLS AND RESOURCES





#### **EXPLORE FOR MORE TIPS**

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Saving For Your Next Vacation	Plan for the Holidays	Medical Financial Hardship	Next Step for Business

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