



EMPOWERING YOUR COMMUNITY

PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED: KNOW YOUR FINANCES



During an emergency, you want to ensure your money is safe and easy to access. Know your full financial rights, create a plan, and take the smart steps now to protect your money and resources in case of the unexpected. Keep control of your money by following these four simple steps:



PROTECT YOUR MONEY

Carrying cash is risky. During an emergency, your money is safest if it's electronic. Get out of cash: use a bank account, or credit, debit and prepaid cards that can be used anywhere, anytime.



KNOW YOUR ASSETS

List and keep all of your account details in a safe place at home. This includes amounts, login information, and the customer service phone numbers.



KNOW YOUR BUDGET

A budget is a detailed written plan for how to spend your money. Creating a budget will help you meet your financial obligations and develop a safety net. Review and adjust your budget for your current circumstances. A budget is a framework for you to play with, not a set of iron bars you are stuck behind.



CREATE A SAFETY PLAN

Unexpected things are also bound to happen in everyone's life – accidents, illness, job loss, natural disasters, etc. Everyone needs a safety plan.

Learn more about how to protect and use your money at masteryourcardUSA.org

About Mastercard

Master Your Card is a community empowerment education program sponsored by Mastercard, that works with committed partners nationwide to bring information about the benefits of electronic payments technology for underserved communities to build brighter financial futures. The program has facilitated presentations and workshops in numerous cities around the country, provided financial education to tens of thousands of students and reached millions through partners' initiatives and education materials.