

STOPLOANSHARKS

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***England Illegal Money
Lending Team***

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IMLT introduction**

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Hosted by Birmingham City Council

Who we are

- England Illegal Money Lending Team
- Remit to prosecute loan sharks
- Team of 30 investigators, 2 seconded police officers, FI's, Intelligence team
- Regional Liaise Officers
- Hosted by BCC

What we do

- Prosecute unlicensed lenders Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 – it is a **criminal** offence to lend money without permission from the FCA
- 1.08 million people in debt to loan sharks
- Over 31,000 victims helped
- £90m illegal debt written off

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Aim of training sessions

- Increase awareness of IMLT
- Increase people's ability to identify victims of Loan Sharks
- Allowing them to help victims access specialist support
- Understand how else we can support
- Intelligence sharing

How can you help?

- Take advantage of our free training
- Intelligence sharing – GDPR exemption
- Victims – asking questions and referring
- Raise awareness about alternative lending – Credit Unions and Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs)

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How we can help

0300 555 2222

- The hotline is open 24 hours a day
- Not recorded and can be anonymous
- Awareness raising activities
- School resources
- Partnership Recognition

Why is this important?

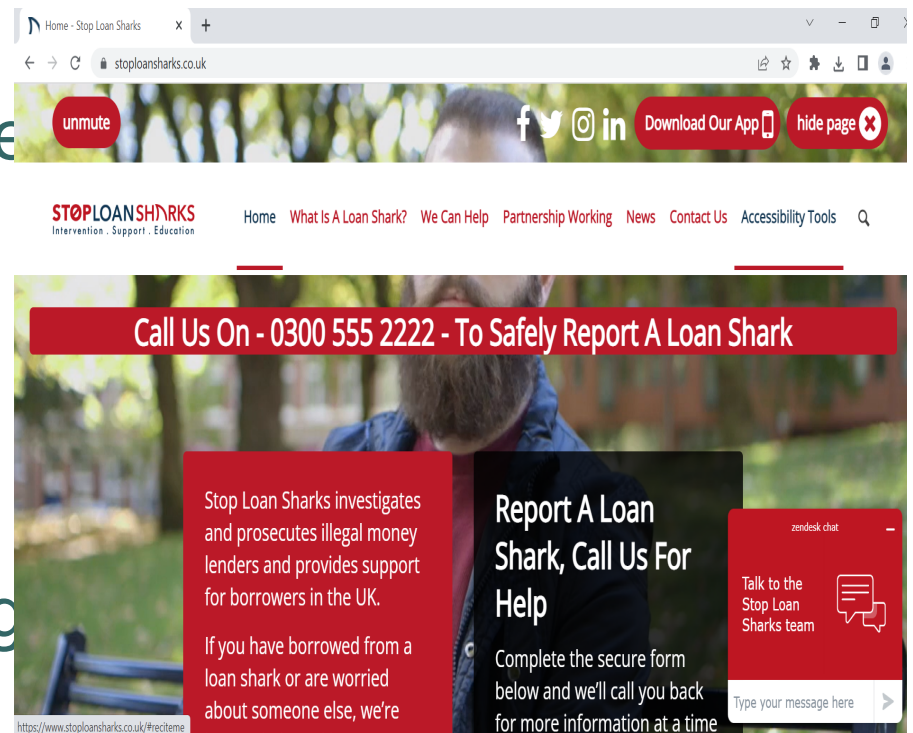
- PREVENTION & SAFEGUARDING
- Suicide risk is too high
- Over half have a health condition
- Repeat loans and never getting out of debt
- More than half borrowing for everyday costs
- Lowest borrowed: £90 (household food/bills)
- Highest borrowed: £60,000 (medical expenses)

Ways to contact the team

- www.stoploansharks.co.uk
- www.facebook.com/StopLoanSharksEngland/
- [Stop Loan Sharks England \(@SLSEngland\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/SLSEngland)
- www.instagram.com/stoploansharksengland
- <https://www.tiktok.com/@stoploansharksengland>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/stoploansharksengland>
- <https://www.youtube.com/c/StopLoanSharksEngland>
- Live chat on website Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm
- reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk
- Text: 07860022116

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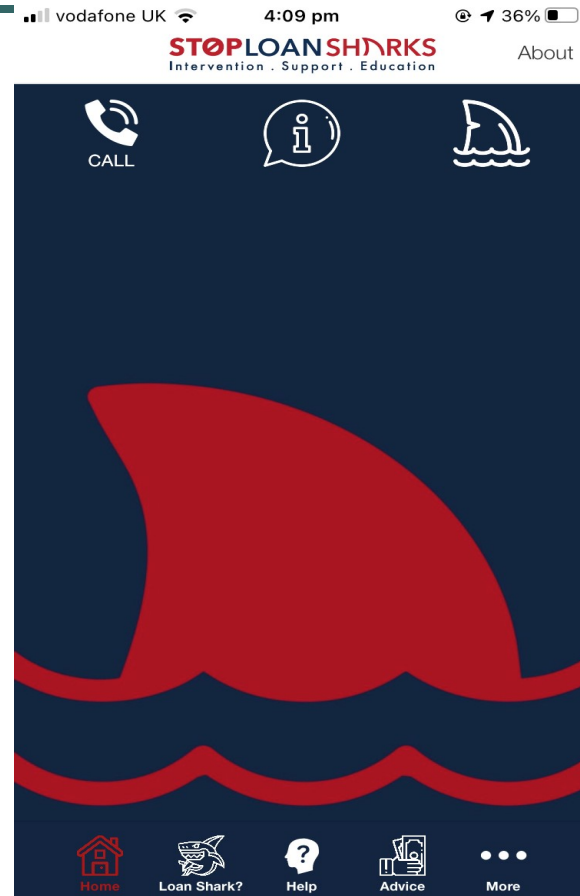
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- Translate – 100 languages
- Read out loud – 35 languages
- Adjust colour, font, size
- Remove images
- Add a ruler to aid reading



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Any questions?

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