

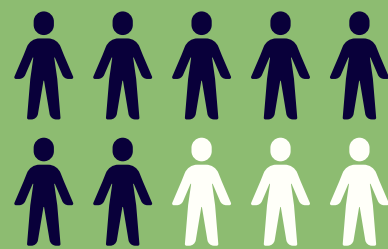
MPF3102: FINANCIAL EMT

There is a financial EMT you can rely on if the worst happens - the emergency fund is an account set aside as a safety net in the case of a major unexpected expense. It should be kept in its own account.



28 percent of Americans have no emergency savings, according to a 2019 Bankrate survey.





Over 70 percent of Americans used up half or more of their emergency savings during the pandemic.



Ideally, an emergency fund should equal 3-6 months of necessary expenses, but even setting aside a few dollars when you can could make a difference in an emergency.



STEPS TO AN EMERGENCY FUND

-  Calculate one month's total *necessary* expenses, multiply by how many months of expenses you would like to save for
-  Set a reasonable time frame for when you would like to reach your emergency fund goal
-  Calculate how much money you would need to set aside each month to reach your goal
-  Include monthly emergency fund saving goal as an expense in your budget and get to saving!



It can feel overwhelming, or even pointless, to set aside money for an emergency that may never happen. However, an emergency fund is crucial to a financially stable life. Find out how much you need for your emergency fund with this [worksheet](#).

