

## Creating an emergency fund

### Emergency money account

Your mom probably told you to carry a quarter in your shoe in case of an emergency and you needed to make a phone call. Today, most of us have a cell phone handy, but when it comes to money emergencies, you'll need more than a quarter in your shoe.

You need an emergency money account. That's an account that you build and leave alone except in case of emergency. Experts generally suggest you sock away three to six months of expenses in an account that is easily accessible such as a money market or savings account.

Compute how much you need in your emergency savings account. Let's start with three months.

### My emergency fund requirements

Mortgage/rent for one month _____ x 3 =	\$ _____
Auto loan for one month _____ x 3 =	\$ _____
Utilities for one month _____ x 3 =	\$ _____
Transportation for one month _____ x 3 =	\$ _____
Groceries for one month _____ x 3 =	\$ _____
Other debts for one month _____ x 3 =	\$ _____
<b>Total amount for emergency savings account =</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>