The Truth About Reverse Mortgages

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RM Myths

- The bank is going to take my home
- I am giving away my kids inheritance
- The fees are toooo high
- The bank might boot me out of my home
- RM's are only for rich people
- My home has to be free & clear to qualify



What is a Reverse Mortgage?

- Home Equity <u>Conversion</u> Mortgage (HECM)
- Loan against the equity in your home
- All moneys received are tax free cash
- No house payments balance of your life
- The Bank <u>never</u> takes your home, as long as you follow some basic rules
- Smart financial decision

Who Qualifies?

- At least one borrower must be 62
- Must be a homeowner
- Most property types OK
- Home does not need to be free & clear
- Meet basic income and credit guidelines



Consumer Protection

1. Counseling

All borrowers & spouses are required to receive counseling by an independent 3rd party.

2. Families

Encouraged to participate

3. Timing 3 day cooling off period

How do I get the cash?

- Line of Credit (Adjustable Rate)
- Monthly Payments (Adjustable rate)
- Lump Sum (Fixed Rate)
- Combination of the above

Who Likes Reverse Mortgages?

- Consumer Advocate
- Tom Marino Trouble Shooter
- AARP
- Wall Street Journal
- <u>FHA</u>
- National Council on Aging
- Fox News & CNN



How Much Can I Get?



It depends:

- Current interest rates
- Loan options chosen
- Value of your home
- Current loan balances, if any
- Age of the youngest borrower
- Govt regulations





What can I do with the money?

- Pay <u>medical bills</u>
- Pay off <u>existing mortgage</u>
- Pay off <u>other debts</u>
- Home repairs
- Daily <u>living expenses</u>
- Save your home from Foreclosure

What else can I do with the money?

- Gifts to <u>charity</u>
- Help <u>Children</u>
- Buy a <u>rental property</u>
- Long term care
- <u>Insurance products</u>
- Estate planning
- Stop living off retirement assets
- Anything you want! It's your money!

Purchase a Home

- -Use a RM to BUY a home
- -Never pay cash
- -Put 50% down
- -Save the rest for fun money
- -Smart financial move

The Older You are, the more \$ you can get

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62. = 38% of appraised value
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$$82 = 54\%$$



What are the risks?

- The loan balance goes up
 - · Loan balance will go up
 - Home value <u>may</u> go down
- You still have to pay:
 - Homeowners insurance
 - Property Taxes
- Property must be <u>principle residence</u>
 - 6+ months per year
 - If you permanently move out, bank will start foreclosure

Summary

- Yes, there are some <u>risks</u>.
- Yes, there are opportunities.
- No, there is <u>no reason</u> to be afraid.
- Yes, you can <u>boost</u> retirement income.
- Yes, you can pay off debts.
- Yes, you can <u>follow</u> dreams.
- Yes, <u>everyone knows someone</u> who could benefit from a Reverse Mortgage

Thanks for giving me a few minutes of your life. I hope that it was worthwhile.

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