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“Why Is Good Credit Important to You?”

In today’s economy almost everything runs on credit. If you want to buy a home or car, apply for a student loan, or even put gas on a credit card someone is extending credit to you. Even if you choose to never purchase anything on credit, a good credit score is still important. It can affect whether or not you can rent an apartment, it may affect insurance rates, and more and more employers are checking the credit of job applicants. If you do not have a credit history, good or bad, you can also be negatively affected so establishing credit is very important.

Bad credit can suggest to others that you may be a risky tenant or employee even though it may only reflect a small part of how you live your life. It can reflect on your everyday life, and mistakes can follow you for years. You cannot change the past, but you can start demonstrating that you are a good risk starting today by making smart choices brightening your financial future.

Here are some key tips to help you build a solid credit history –

1. Pay all of your bills on time, even if you are just paying the minimum amount. It is also important to remember that most lenders will consider a payment late if you are not paying the minimum each month. All bills need to be paid on time, not just credit cards or mortgages. Your credit history may reflect missed payments or problems with many different organizations, from your electric company to your gym.
2. Don’t use all of your available credit. Available credit shows other lenders that can manage debt responsibly and are a good risk.
3. Show a long credit history. The more positive credit you show, the better your score. This can include keeping a credit card open, even if you have paid off the balance and do not use it. This open card allows you to show a better debt-to-credit ratio, resulting in lower interest rates and a better chance of approvals for those big ticket items.
4. Do not apply for credit you do not need. Make sure that you actually need the money you are borrowing so that you do not appear to be desperate to lenders with too many open accounts.



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5. Monitor your credit report for correctness. Even companies can make mistakes so make sure you review your credit report a few times a year to check for incorrect entries or fraud and identity theft.

Good credit can be a key to the life that you want to live. Having good credit can take time as well as lifelong habits, but when you are given the keys to the house of your dreams or that new car, it will all be worth it!

For more information on how to get and maintain good credit scores, please contact New Start Credit Consulting at 916-367-7768, email info@newstartcc.com, or visit our website at www.newstartcc.com. We would love to help you create a positive credit future!