

PAYDAY LOAN ESCAPE PLAN

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SECTION 1

VOID LOAN CHECKER

Before you pay anything, check if your loan is enforceable:

- Lender licensed in my state? Check NMLS Consumer Access: nmlsconsumeraccess.org
- Status says "Active"?
- My state listed under "Licensed to do business in:"?
- Interest rate below state cap?

State Rate Caps		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	33%	
<input type="checkbox"/> New York	25%	
<input type="checkbox"/> California (loans under \$2,500)	36%	
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	36%	
<input type="checkbox"/> My state's cap: _____	_____%	

■ If any answer is NO → Loan may be VOID. Consult an attorney before making any payments.

SECTION 2

ACH REVOCATION CHECKLIST

Stop automatic payments before negotiating:

- Located ACH authorization in loan documents
- Noted lender's exact Company Name and Company ID
- Completed Revocation Letter to Lender (template below)
- Sent via certified mail with return receipt
- Kept copy for records
- Completed Stop Payment Letter to Bank (template below)
- Sent to bank at least **3 business days** before next debit
- Kept copy for records
- Arranged alternative payment method (check, money order, online portal)
- Set calendar reminder to monitor account for next 3 payment cycles

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SECTION 3

DEBT VALIDATION REQUEST

If a collector contacts you, send this within 30 days:

[YOUR NAME]
[YOUR ADDRESS]

[COLLECTOR NAME]
[COLLECTOR ADDRESS]

Re: Debt Validation Request — Account # _____

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting written validation of the debt referenced above under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. § 1692g). Please provide:

1. The original contract with my signature
2. A complete payment history
3. Proof you are licensed to collect in my state
4. Documentation showing you own the debt

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Until you provide this validation, you must stop all collection activities.

Sincerely,

[YOUR SIGNATURE]
[YOUR NAME]

■ **Send via certified mail with return receipt. Keep a copy.**

SECTION 4

SETTLEMENT SCRIPT & TRACKER

Use this script when calling to negotiate:

"Hi, my name is [name] and my account number is [number]. I'm calling because I've revoked the ACH authorization on this account. I want to resolve this debt, but I can't pay the full balance. I have [amount] available to settle this account in full today. If we can agree on a settlement amount, I can pay right now with a certified check or money order."

SETTLEMENT TRACKER:

Lender	Original Balance	Offer 1	Counter	Final Settlement	Date Paid
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____

SECTION 5

CREDITOR NEGOTIATION LOG

Date	Company	Rep Name	What Was Said	Agreement	Follow-Up
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

SECTION 6 EXEMPT FUNDS CLAIM FORM

If your bank account is frozen, use this to claim protected funds:

[YOUR NAME]
 [YOUR ADDRESS]
 [COURT NAME]
 [CASE NUMBER]

I am filing this claim of exemption for the following funds frozen in my bank account at [BANK NAME], account ending in [last 4 digits]:

The following funds are exempt from garnishment under federal law:

- Social Security benefits (retirement, disability, SSI) — 42 U.S.C. § 407
- Veterans benefits — 38 U.S.C. § 5301
- Child support payments
- Unemployment benefits
- Disability benefits (SSDI)
- Pension payments

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I request that these funds be released immediately.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 7 WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE SUED

- **Do NOT ignore the papers**
- Note the deadline: _____ (usually 20–30 days)
- File a written response with the court (see sample below)
- Show up to court on the scheduled date
- Seek help: legal aid, consumer attorney, court self-help center

Sample Response Letter:

To the Clerk of Court:

I am filing this response to the complaint in case number [CASE NUMBER]. I dispute the debt claimed by the plaintiff. I request that the plaintiff provide proof of the debt, including the original contract with my signature and a complete payment history.

I ask that the court not enter a default judgment.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

■ **File within the deadline. Missing the deadline = automatic judgment against you.**

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RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Resource	Website	Phone
CFPB Complaint	consumerfinance.gov/complaint	(855) 411-2372
FTC Fraud Report	reportfraud.ftc.gov	—
NFCC Credit Counseling	nfcc.org	(800) 388-2227
Legal Aid	lsc.gov	—
NACBA Attorney Finder	nacba.org	—

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