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It is not difficult to recognize the signs of being in debt. More and more people are getting into financial trouble and are looking to solutions such as debt consolidation Toronto, credit counseling or even declaring bankruptcy Toronto.

Making minimum payments on your credit card balances is one sure sign of trouble. Another might be using cards to pay for everyday expenses such as groceries or household needs. A third and obvious one is when collection agencies have entered the picture, making troublesome phone calls in an attempt to collect bills.

If one or more of these danger signs is present, debt consolidation, credit counseling or perhaps even bankruptcy should be considered. There is any number of services or agencies readily available to help people sort out these kinds of financial scenarios.

Unsecured debts, such as personal loans or credit card balances, can be consolidated into a single amount by a private lender or any bank. If applied for before too many payments are missed and credit ratings compromised, they can result in a debtor having a single manageable payment to make each month rather than too many bills that they simply cannot pay.

If it is too late for debt consolidation with a bank, a credit counselor may advise looking into a consumer proposal, declaring bankruptcy or some other solution.

Consumer proposals are agreements proposed by the credit counselor on behalf of the debtor in an attempt to negotiate better terms of re-payment. Monthly minimum payments on credit cards may be lowered or interest stopped for a time. Most creditors will agree to whatever is proposed because then they stand a better chance of collecting at least some of the outstanding debt. If a creditor goes bankrupt, they might lose it all.

Bankruptcy is a serious legal undertaking and last step when there is no way the creditor can make even minimum payments on their repayment load. The creditor must use the services of a Trustee who will supervise the bankruptcy terms and file the necessary documents with the government. Debtors may be required to attend credit counseling sessions but their wages will not be garnished and harassing collection tactics will cease. Debtors are also allowed to keep most of their possessions though all credit must be put on the table and assets divided between creditors. After about nine months, if there are no problems, the bankruptcy is discharged.

It can take a lot longer however, to rebuild a good credit rating after a bankruptcy. So whatever option is decided upon, it should be chosen after careful consideration and with the guidance of a qualified credit counselor or financial advisor. These kinds of experts can be found online, in the Yellow Pages or just by asking around. Problem debt is a common dilemma and many people have had to resort to debt consolidation Toronto and [Bankruptcy Toronto](#), consumer proposals or bankruptcy at some point in their lives. It is almost never too late to address the problem. But better sooner rather than later.

For the best advice on creditor negotiation and personal [Bankruptcy Mississauga](#), Ontario residents all over the Toronto metro area trust Killen Landau & Associates.