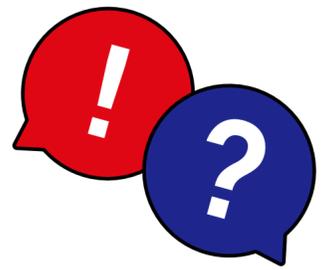


# SHOULD I PAY MY COUNCIL TAX? WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T?



A few people have mentioned they won't be paying Council Tax bills just now....

Who should continue to pay as normal and who should pay less?  
It all depends on your income, here are a few examples to help  
you decide what YOU should do...

Mark has been furloughed so his income has reduced by 80%.

Mark contacted the Centre and we went through his options and did a full benefit check to see if he was entitled to any help with his bills as he was worried he would fall into rent arrears and could be evicted.

Our benefit check found that Mark was entitled to get some help with his Council Tax and Rent due to his income reducing.

We helped advise him what to claim and how much he would get. This enabled him to pay an affordable amount to his Council Tax to avoid accruing debt for the future.

We also identified financial grant assistance we could apply to for Mark to help him during this difficult time.

We liaised with his Landlord to explain how long it would be before his benefit was paid for his rent. This reassurance helped reduce any anxiety for all parties involved.

Julie is working from home and has heard that everyone can now stop paying their Council Tax for 3 months.

She contacted the Centre to find out if this is correct. We advised this information she has heard is incorrect.

We explained to Julie that if she decides to stop paying now then this will accrue as debt. This would mean she would have to pay more later which she wouldn't be able to afford.

Her income is the same as it was before, so to avoid the pressure of debt accumulating. Julie decided to continue to pay her Council Tax as normal.

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