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# ALTERNATIVES TO EQUITY RELEASE



It's important to consider your options before going ahead with equity release. That's why we've created this summary of the possible alternatives.

Move home	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selling your home and moving to a smaller property or a different area can generate a lump sum of money.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheaper than some other methods.</li> <li>Flexibility regarding amount released.</li> <li>Opportunity to move to a more suitable property for the future.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving out of what's probably a very familiar and long-standing home.</li> <li>If you do move, you may lose support from friends and family who are nearby.</li> <li>Moving costs.</li> <li>You may not have as much money as expected after buying a new home and paying off any outstanding debts.</li> </ul>
Borrow money	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Even if you're retired, you can borrow against the value of your property. You could:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>take out a loan against the value of your home; or</li> <li>remortgage your home either as part of a credit agreement or a normal residential mortgage.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less disruption than moving.</li> <li>Loans can be arranged for short terms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll usually need to make regular payments.</li> <li>Interest rates on loans are generally more expensive than on mortgages.</li> <li>You'll have to make separate arrangements to use the lump sum as an income, if desired.</li> <li>If you are unable to keep up with the repayments, there's a risk of your home being repossessed.</li> </ul>
Get help from relatives	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some people may be fortunate enough to get financial help (or a loan) from their relatives.</li> <li>This could supplement your income or provide you with a lump sum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheap way to borrow.</li> <li>Quick to arrange.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased dependency on a relative.</li> <li>Relative may not always be able to continue the arrangement for life.</li> </ul>

Use other assets	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many people have some form of savings or investments tucked away 'for a rainy day'.</li> <li>• You could use your 'rainy day' fund to achieve your goals instead of using equity release.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower cost option.</li> <li>• Quick to arrange.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing left once money has been used.</li> <li>• Loss of future return.</li> </ul>
Get a job	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some people carry on working beyond their planned retirement date.</li> <li>• Others might choose to supplement their retirement income by taking on a full or part-time job.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good way to keep active.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most people who've worked the majority of their adult life want to stop as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
Take in tenants	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending on your health and independence, you might choose to take in a lodger(s).</li> <li>• This could be on a long-term or short-term basis such as renting a room out to a foreign exchange student over the summer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting new people and learning about other cultures can be exciting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your house may not feel like your own.</li> <li>• Many people don't want the hassle that could come with having a lodger.</li> </ul>
Budget to live on less	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity release is often used to maintain a standard of living – rather than as a way to produce funds needed just to get by.</li> <li>• When times are hard, there are a lot of different resources available offering ways to live on less.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No need to find further income if it's no longer needed.</li> <li>• Leave inheritance to your children.</li> <li>• No arrangements to make.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may have to watch what you spend.</li> <li>• Unable to have the little luxuries.</li> <li>• You may not maintain the lifestyle you enjoyed pre-retirement.</li> </ul>

## Grants

Local authorities offer grants to help with the cost of home improvements. But the amount and availability of these depends on the local authority itself. Make sure you find out what your local authority can offer you when you're considering equity release.

## More information

For more information about borrowing money, you can contact your local Citizens Advice or visit [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)

You can find unbiased information by visiting [moneyadviceservice.org.uk](http://moneyadviceservice.org.uk) and the Equity Release Council's website [equityreleasecouncil.com](http://equityreleasecouncil.com)

If you don't have an independent financial intermediary and want to find one visit [unbiased.co.uk](http://unbiased.co.uk)

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