

AVOIDING MONEY CONFLICTS AS A COUPLE

Talk.

Make time to talk openly about money. Discuss your overall views on money, your big financial goals, and your day-to-day spending. Look at the causes of your disagreements. That may make it easier to find solutions.



Budget together.

Review your budget periodically so you both understand where your money is going.



Discuss big purchases.

It's a way of showing that you see yourselves not just as romantic partners but also as financial partners.



Get organized.

Have a system for keeping your financial papers, bills, and electronic files organized. Set up electronic reminders on your computer or phone. Consider using money management software like Quicken or AceMoney, or tools like Mint.com.



Seek professional advice.

Banks, financial institutions, accountants, financial planners, and money management programs are a few sources to turn to for guidance. The U.S. government's financial information site, MyMoney.gov, offers reliable advice as well.



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