7 smart places to stash your cash

Home safe sales smash 60 year record due to new banking worries

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So you're still hiding money under the mattress or in the bread box?

Well, you're not alone.

Ever since financial institutions have been dropping like flies, millions of Americans have stopped relying solely on their bank.

Are banks safe? Well maybe. But with so much to lose, here are 7 things we can consider to protect the little we have left.

1. Be sure your institution is insured.

If you're not sure if your bank is FDIC insured find out or get your money out.

Insured or not, the fact is this. The FDIC has only enough cash on hand to cover about 2% of nationwide deposits. Pretty scary stuff, so it's not always wise to have all your eggs in one basket.

2. Start and grow a coin collection.

Coin collections are tangible assets that will always keep their face value, instead of just owning stocks that could depreciate or lose you money.

If times ever get really tough, U.S. Gov't coins will always bail you out. A good safety net is to insist on only never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins.

3. Keep cash safe at home.

Cash is King. Believe it, but remember not to keep it in a thief's favorite spot; like in the bread box or the mattress.

These will never have the protection that a quality home safe can provide to safeguard your money. See #7 for more.

4. US Saving Bonds, an old favorite.

U.S. Saving Bonds are easy way for your money to stay safe in the future.

However, if lost or stolen they could be difficult to replace unless the serial number was kept in a safe place. But be careful because they must now be held for at least 1 year before cashing them in.

5. Gold and silver still shine.

If you own gold or silver, great, hold on to it. But if you don't, one of your best bets is to try to get as many U.S. Gov't issued gold and silver coins as you can. Due to the recent demand, the U.S. Mint had to halt the production of some of their most valued gold coins.

6. Hold on to real estate.

With interest rates at historic all-time lows the market is sure to recover and property values will once again bounce back. So those who hold on to their homes for the long term will likely reap the benefits of these investments.

7. Buy a good safe.

Home safes become an absolute necessity during economic turmoil.

If you already have one make sure it's big enough and heavy enough to foil a thief. It will also keep nosy relatives out of your business.

A good safe made from solid steel construction can cost anywhere from $300 to over a thousand dollars. But, because of the huge spike in recent sales, safes may be hard to come by.

But if you can find a good one, you'll have your own Fort Knox to keep everything safe including: official documents, coin collections, currency, U.S. Saving Bonds, guns, gold, silver, deeds, wills and other legal papers.

With all this you'll be much safer, just in case your bank is the next to fail.

SHOULD HAVE HAD MONEY IN A SAFE: Stunned customers show up at this California bank only to find the bank suddenly closed.

Free armored safes being doled out to public

Armored Safe giveaway ends public worry for those who rush to buy up hoards of brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins that will never lose their cash value

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UMS - Imagine finally getting something that will never lose its value.

Sounds too good to be true?

Well, it's true and word is quickly spreading about the free handout of Armored Safes that are being stocked with the 4,100 brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins that by law will never be minted again.

These free Armored Safes are being turned over to the general public who make it in time to beat the order deadline for their share of the hoard of brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins before the 72-hour shutoff.

"The frantic demand for U.S. Gov't coins has caused the U.S. Mint® to officially halt the sale of many of its most valuable coins," said lead consultant for the World Reserve Thomas C. Harris, Retired Deputy Director of the U.S. Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

"Today, the World Reserve began to release this hoard consisting of 4,100 U.S. Gov't issued coins in a free Armored Safe to the general public. Having valuable U.S. Gov't coins serves as an economic life raft. This valuable Collection will never, never, never lose its face value. You will always have something worth a lot of money," said Harris.

Here's the best part, among the 4,100 never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins that everyone gets there are 100 of the highly sought after Presidential Golden Dollar coins.

Here's why that is so important. Just think if you would have saved the same number of uncirculated Eisenhower Dollar coins from 1974. Remarkably, they would now be worth 600% more in collector value.

This gives you a hint that these are not the same grade as the coins found in loose change, or from the local bank. In fact, these coins remain in brilliant, never-circulated condition if left sealed and untouched.

U.S. Gov't Savings Bonds used to be a favorite way to keep money safe and popular to give as gifts. But no one can take a Savings Bond and go buy something with it.

That's why this hoard of valuable coins gives everyone the comfort of having full control of their money. No matter what, they will never lose their U.S. cash value.

If times ever get really tough any coin in the hoard could be used to buy anything. But unless it is a good reason, only a fool would do that because this personal hoard of money is already worth so much more in collector value.

"So many people are buying up these coins. Even for those people who give away some of their collection as gifts, they are keeping the Armored Safe for themselves," said Robert Castaldo, Director of the private World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

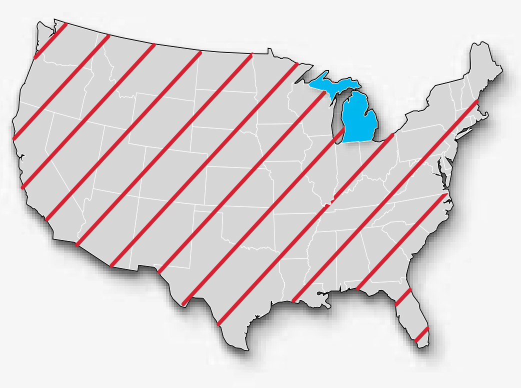
"This Safe is one of the absolute best places to keep valuables and important papers. People will now have a safe place to store their wills, guns, jewelry, antiques, keys, coins and even cash," Castaldo said.

"The only problem the Safe creates is when it's time to read your Will. You need to make sure everyone knows who you want to leave it to," he said.

"When Americans get their hands on this Safe and their very own personal hoard of U.S. Gov't Coins, they'll really do a double take. Everyone will feel like they just won the lottery," he said.

HELP IS ON THE WAY: This never-before-seen photo captures the rapid shipment of free Presidential Armored Safes that are now being shipped to U.S. citizens in select regions of the country. The private World Reserve is handing out the Armored Safes free to the general public who rush to beat today's published deadline to buy up the newly released World Reserve Collection consisting of 4,100 U.S. Gov't issued coins. Those who get through by calling the National Delivery Hotline at 1-866-948-2597 and beat the 72 hour order deadline will get the Armored Safes for free.

How to get the free Armored Safes



Not Eligible

Eligible for free Armored Safes

Call the Claim Hotline:
1-866-948-2597
Use Free Claim Code:
US4395

There are geographic restrictions in place.

for the free Armored Safes. If you reside outside of the shaded area, you may still order only if using the Free Claim Code listed above.

Terms & Conditions: The first shipment of coins will begin when it has been confirmed that you properly received delivery of your free Armored Safe. You'll only need to cover the freight for the safe and $98 for the first shipment of coins then the same amount for the remaining eighteen monthly shipments to complete the entire collection of 4,100 U.S. Gov't coins. THE NO-WORRY GUARANTEE ENSURES THAT REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED FOR ALL ITEMS PROPERLY RETURNED, LESS SHIPPING. THAT MEANS, CANCELLATION WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE RETURN OF THE FREE ARMORED SAFE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL REQUIRE REMITTANCE FOR THE SAFE OF FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIX DOLLARS. THE WORLD RESERVE MONETARY EXCHANGE IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OR ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THE INCREASE IN COLLECTIBLE VALUE OF CERTAIN PRIOR ISSUES OF U.S. COINS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT CURRENT ISSUES WILL ALSO INCREASE IN VALUE.

LIKE WINNING THE LOTTERY: Everyone gets the personal hoard consisting of 4,100 brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins including 100 Presidential Golden Dollar Coins in two sealed Ballistic Vault Rolls of 50 and 16 heavy vault bricks containing 160 sealed vault rolls of 25 never-circulated U.S. Buffalo Nickels for a total of 4,100 coins. If times ever get really tough any coin in this collection could be used to buy anything. Keep it as long as you can because this hoard is already worth so much more than face value.

NO MORE WORRIES: Carolyn Ford of Perry Town, OH thought she hit the jackpot when her free Armored Safe was delivered. "I already have some old coins, but I wanted this whole hoard of U.S. coins as a nice nest egg. I'll also set aside some of my hoard for my Grandchildren. Now I don't have to worry where to keep my important papers and my Grandfather's gun since I have my new safe," she said.