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Season's greetings to you and yours! This December, we're sharing the results of our consumer Christmas spending research, as well as advice on switching your current account and what you need to know about Buy Now Pay Later loans. Remember, you can also follow us on social media to keep up with the latest consumer news. If you have other consumer queries or issues, please call our helpline on (01) 402 5555.



Consumers will spend almost €1,000 on Christmas

New research by the CCPC on Christmas finances shows that consumers expect to spend an average of almost €1,000 on Christmas this year.

1 in 3 consumers intend to borrow to help cover their Christmas costs this year.

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Buy Now Pay Later: What you need to know

More and more businesses are offering a Buy Now Pay Later option at checkout.

It's important to consider the terms and conditions of these loans before opting for them.

[Find out more](#)



Switching your current account is easy

If you have a current account with Ulster Bank or KBC, you may need to consider your switching options, as both banks prepare to leave the Irish market.

It's easier than you think to switch, find out how!

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Product recalls

Read about the recent recalls of:

- Penneys children's xylophone
- Little Baba baby nest
- Honda motorcycles
- Shein children's sleepwear
- Clementoni Blooming Flower Rattle

As well as safety information notices for a number of items sold on Wish.

[Check it out](#)



Consumer helpline Christmas opening hours

Our office and [consumer helpline](#) will close from 1pm, Friday 24 December and will re-open at 9am, Wednesday 29 December.

For New Year's the helpline will close on Monday 3 January. Normal service hours will resume from Tuesday 4 January 2022.

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