

Proverbs 6:1-5 NIV

¹ My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands in pledge for another, ² if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth,

³ then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor!

⁴ Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. ⁵ Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

He who puts up security for another will surely suffer, but whoever refuses to strike hands in pledge is safe. NIV Proverbs 11:15

A man lacking in judgment strikes hands in pledge and puts up security for his neighbor. NIV Proverbs 17:18

Take the garment of one who puts up security for a stranger; hold it in pledge if he does it for a wayward woman. NIV Proverbs 20:16

Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; NIV Proverbs 22:26

Financial Folly

Foolish financial decisions

Careless benevolence

Undiscriminating business deals

Recovering from a foolish decision

1. Make the decision to “free yourself.”
2. Don't procrastinate or give up.
3. Humble yourself.