Equity Release Myths

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Today we're going to be challenging some myths.

OK. Bring on the first myth

Err... not you Colin. You're not the sort of myth we're after.

We're talking about the myths of **equity release**, a way of releasing some of the value locked in your home.. The type of equity release offered by Aviva is a lifetime mortgage.

Many people think that taking out a lifetime mortgage means they won't own their home any more.

But this isn't true. It's your home as long as you need to live in it.

Because these lifetime mortgage are, well, mortgages, some people think they'll have to make monthly repayments.

But no regular repayments are ever required – instead the loan is repaid either when you die or if you go in to long-term care.

Some people worry that if the value of their home were to go down, their family would be lumbered with a nasty debt after they'd gone.

But as members of the Equity Release Council, Aviva offers a No Negative Equity Guarantee.

You should always talk to family members before taking out equity release. And yes, it will reduce the inheritance you could leave.

but you will have the option to take up a product with inheritance protection, so you could effectively ring fence a percentage of the value to leave to your loved ones. Bear in mind that, if you choose this option, you may not be able to borrow as much.

There are portable products available. Depending on a number of factors, including the value and type of house you're moving into, you could be able to bring your lifetime mortgage with you when you take off for somewhere new.

So, another myth disproved. But that's the thing about myths.

They're not real.