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# CUSTOMERS ARE SLOW-PAYING AND KILLING MY CASH FLOW!

Here are some suggestions that might help:

#### **1.** Establish clear payment terms:

Ensure that you have clear payment terms with your customers, including due dates and penalties for late payments. Make sure that your customers understand your payment expectations and terms from the beginning, so they know what is expected of them.

### 2. Invoice promptly:

Send out invoices as soon as possible after completing the work or delivering the product. Make sure your invoice includes all the necessary information, such as payment due date, accepted payment methods, and any penalties for late payments.

#### **3.** Follow up on late payments:

If a customer hasn't paid by the due date, follow up with a reminder email or call. Sometimes, customers may have just forgotten, and a simple reminder can be enough to get them to pay.

# 4. Offer incentives for early payments:

Consider offering your customers discounts for paying early or on time. This can encourage them to pay promptly and may help improve your cash flow.

# Use financing options:

If your customers are slow to pay, you might consider using financing options, such as invoice factoring or merchant cash advances, to help cover your cash flow needs while you wait for payment.

# **6.** Consider adjusting your credit policy:

If you find that certain customers are consistently slow to pay, you might consider adjusting your credit policy for those customers. This might include requiring them to pay a deposit or prepayment, reducing their credit limit, or requesting payment upfront.

Remember that good cash flow management is critical to the success of any business. By implementing some of these strategies, you can help improve your cash flow and reduce the impact of slow-paying customers on your business.

