

# Bad Debt handling

## CONTEXT

**lending smart contracts**, **bad debt** refers to a situation where a **borrower's collateral is insufficient to cover their outstanding debt**, and the protocol **cannot recover the loaned funds**, even through liquidation. This results in a **loss for the protocol or its liquidity providers**.

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## CAUSE

Bad debt typically arises when:

- The value of the **collateral sharply drops** (e.g. in a market crash).
  - The **liquidation mechanism fails** to act in time or isn't profitable.
  - There is **not enough liquidity** or demand to purchase the collateral.
  - The loan is **under-collateralized** and cannot be covered.
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## IMPACT : HIGH

- **Liquidity providers (LPs)** may bear losses.
  - Some protocols use **insurance funds** or **reserves** to cover bad debt.
  - In extreme cases, protocols may issue new tokens or socialize the loss across users (e.g., as seen in some DeFi exploits or crashes).
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## PREVENTION MECH.

- **Over-collateralization** (e.g., requiring \$150 of ETH to borrow \$100).
  - **Liquidation incentives** to keep liquidators active.
  - **Price oracles** to provide timely and accurate asset valuations.
  - **Circuit breakers** or pausing mechanisms during market volatility.
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## PROTOCOL

<https://code4rena.com/reports/2024-07-benddao>

- Bug found on :

<https://github.com/code-423n4/2024-07-benddao/blob/main/src/libraries/logic/LiquidationLogic.sol#L99-L105>

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