

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY TODAY IN 3 EASY STEPS

As many as 10 million Americans are victims of identity theft each year.* A computer and less than one hour of your time can help you protect your assets and credit.

LOCK DOWN YOUR CREDIT

Each of the three national credit reporting bureaus have links that instruct you on security freezes and requests to place or lift a security freeze on credit use. Do it for each family member so that no one has the authority to use your identity to access credit without your knowledge. Visit:

www.Equifax.com
www.Experian.com
www.TransUnion.com

OPT OUT OF CREDIT OFFERS

You may request to opt-out of pre-approved credit offers for up to five years or permanently. Visit the official website: www.OptOutPrescreen.com

REVIEW FREE CREDIT REPORTS

One free credit report can be obtained each year per family member from each of the national credit-reporting bureaus. Check their links to obtain a report or request it from the following site approved by all three bureaus: www.AnnualCreditReport.com

LOOK FOR THE SECURE SYMBOL

When shopping or donating online, never input financial information at a web site unless it offers a secure transaction. Secure sites typically display a padlock in the locked position at the bottom strip of the web page or a change in the website address from “http” to “https.” You may also set up security alerts in your web browser to let you know if the personal or financial information you share could be viewed by unauthorized users.

* *The Identity Theft Resource Center, 2003–2004, www.idtheftcenter.org*

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RESOURCES

For more information on identity theft and how to review your personal credit, refer to these websites:

www.equifax.com
www.experian.com
www.transunion.com
www.optoutprescreen.com
www.annualcreditreport.com
www.idtheftcenter.org

FOR MORE INFO

For more information on protecting your identity, contact us:

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