Virginia Beach Police Department Economic Crimes Unit

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<u>Resource List</u>

Report Your Identify Theft or Fraud to:

- FBI (Internet Crime Complaint Center) <u>https://www.ic3.gov</u>
 Complete report and a print copy for your records before submitting.
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) <u>https://reportfraud.ftc.gov</u>
- <u>Attorney General of Virginia</u> <u>https://www.oag.state.va.gov/consumer-protection/index.php/file-a-complaint</u>

Report Mail Theft to Postal Inspectors:

- <u>USPS Postal Inspector https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov</u>
- If the mail(checks) were placed in a USPS mailbox (or handed to an employee inside) at a USPS facility or into a blue postal mailbox owned by USPS, a Virginia Beach Police report will be taken for "Informational Purposes Only."

Report a Phishing Scam:

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency - Recognize and Report Phishing | CISA

Check Your Banking and Check History: Specific Bank Website OR

- Chexsystems: https://www.chexsystems.com
- TeleCheck Services, Inc: https://getassistance.telecheck.com/home
- <u>Certegycheck Services, Inc.</u>: <u>https://certegy.com</u>

Credit Reporting Agencies:

- Equifax: https://www.equifax.com (Credit Freeze: https://www.equifax.com/personal/help/article-list/-/h/a/place-lift-remove-security-freeze/)
- <u>Experian: https://www.experian.com</u> (Credit Freeze: <u>https://www.experian.com/help/credit-freeze/</u>)
- <u>TransUnion: https://www.transunion.com</u> (Credit Freeze: <u>https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</u>)
- Credit Report: https://www.annualcreditreport.com
 - Freezing your credit is FREE and more secure than a fraud alert but it must be done with all three reporting agencies

Enable Two-Factor Authentication on Accounts:

• For information visit: <u>https://twofactorauth.org</u>

Opt Out of Unsolicited Mail Offers:

- Unsolicited credit and insurance offers
 - 888-5-OPTOUT (888-567-8688)
 - o <u>https://www.optoutprescreen.com</u>
 - 2 choices: 5 years or permanently
 - Takes up to 60 days to take effect

- Direct Marketing Association
 - o <u>https://www.dmachoice.org</u>
 - Commercial mail for five years and email for six years

Do Note Call Registry:

- <u>1-888-382-1222</u>
- <u>https://www.donotcall.gov</u>
- File a complaint for calls
 - o https://www.donotcall.gov/report.html
- Remember, only legitimate businesses will follow these rules being on the "Do Not Call List" does not prevent you from receiving spam calls

Credit Bureau Information

You can obtain a free copy of your credit report from each reporting agency once a year at <u>https://www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or by calling 877-322-8228

Credit Bureau Contact Numbers

<mark>Equifax</mark>	888-378-4329	<mark>Experian</mark>	888-397-3742	TransUnion	800-916-8800

Placing a Security Freeze

To effectively freeze access to your credit files, you must request a security freeze to be placed at each of the three major credit bureaus.

You can place a security freeze in any one of three ways:

- 1. **<u>Phone</u>**: Call each of the credit bureaus at the numbers provided below:
 - a. <u>TransUnion</u>: 1-800-916-8800
 - b. Equifax: 1-888-378-4329 (NY Residents: 1-800-349-9960)
 - c. **Experian:** 1-888-397-3742

2. Mail: Download and complete Security Freeze by Mail

- a. <u>Note</u>: Credit bureau addresses may be subject to change; check the credit bureau's website for the latest address to ensure your request is received and processed quickly.
- **3.** <u>Online</u>: On each credit bureau's website (TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian) you can find an online form to place your security freeze.