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Fraud and Identity Theft Prevention

Place a freeze with the three major credit bureaus:

- Equifax
(www.equifax.com)
- Experian
(www.experian.com)
- TransUnion
(www.transunion.com)

"You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze."

www.consumer.ftc.gov

You can stop credit bureaus from selling your information to lenders, by simply going to :

"www.optoutprescreen.com or calling 888-567-8688.

Opting out should stop most offers, and it's free."

—www.consumerreports.org

Tips to protect yourself from Fraud and Identity theft:

1. Properly discard of documents: Use a shredder or scissors to cut through documents with personal information. A black marker can also be used to remove the information.
2. Do not carry your social security card with you: Leave your social security card in a safe location at home or place it into a safe.
3. Store important documents in a safe location.
4. Shred any old credit/debit cards, bank statements or credit offers.
5. Check your bank statements and credit card bills for unusual or unauthorized charges.
6. Never give personal information (SSN, date of birth or account numbers) just because someone is asking for it.
7. Beware of mail thieves:
 - Collect mail everyday.
 - Customize your mail or parcel delivery.
 - Utilize the "hold for pickup" method.
 - Use the "signature service."

Always report suspicious people or vehicles around your neighborhood.

Check your credit report yearly. Several sites offer free credit reports

For more information visit the following sites:

www.identitytheft.gov

www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft

www.usa.gov/identity-theft

www.consumerreports.org/cro/2010/07/protect-your-identity/index.htm