## **Identity Theft**

If you disclose sensitive information in a phishing attack, contact one of the three major credit bureaus listed below and discuss whether to place a fraud alert on your file. A fraud alert will help prevent thieves from opening a new account in your name.

**Equifax** 888-766-0008 P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 www.equifax.com **Experian** 888-397-3742 P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com **TransUnion** 800-680-7289 P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92634 www.transunion.com

## You can fight identity theft, here's how:

- Never provide personal financial information, including your Social Security number, account numbers or passwords over the phone or the Internet, if you did not initiate the contact.
- Never click on the link provided in an e-mail you think is fraudulent. In addition to stealing your personal information, the link may contain a virus that can contaminate your computer.
- Do not be intimidated by an e-mail or caller who suggests dire consequences if you do not immediately provide or verify financial information.
- If you are unsure whether a contact is legitimate, go to the company's website by typing in the site address or using a page you have previously book marked, instead of using a link provided by the e-mail.
- If you fall victim to identity theft, act immediately to protect yourself. Alert your financial institution. Place fraud alerts on your credit files. Monitor your credit files and account statements closely.
- Report suspicious e-mails or calls to the Federal Trade Commission through the Internet at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft, or by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

To learn more about keeping your money safe, visit the https://www.identitytheft.gov/ website.



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