

FINANCIAL FRAUD INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

If you are the victim of fraud, call the companies where you know the fraud occurred, explain what happened and ask them to close or freeze your account. Report you are a victim of financial fraud to all of your financial institutions (banks, investments, credit cards, loans, etc.) so they can flag your account(s), which will help protect you should future financial fraud attempts occur.

You may place a free fraud alert with one of the three credit bureaus listed below AND request a copy of your credit report so you can self-monitor your credit. The credit bureau you contact must notify the other two credit bureaus.

www.equifax.com

www.experian.com

www.transunion.com

Additionally, you can freeze your credit: No one can take out credit using your identity unless you unfreeze your credit first. <https://www.usa.gov/credit-freeze>

Report fraud on the FBI complaint website. <https://www.ic3.gov/Home/ComplaintChoice>

Report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission. <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>. Based on the information you enter, this site will create your report and recovery plan.

Report fraud to the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP):

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/IdentityTheft.aspx

Federal law allows you to receive a free credit report annually, additionally, this has been extended to free weekly checks. <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/free-credit-reports>

Report fraud to the Wisconsin Better Business Bureau. <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/reportscam>

There is also a “recovery guide” on their website to go through step by step.

<https://scamsurvivaltoolkit.bbbmarketplacetrust.org/>

If a social security number is involved in your fraud, report your fraud to the Social Security Administration. [Report Fraud | Office of the Inspector General \(ssa.gov\)](#)

If your fraud involves suspected tax fraud activity, report to the Internal Revenue Service.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/how-do-you-report-suspected-tax-fraud>

[activity#:~:text=Use%20the%20Form%203949%2DA,file%20a%20tax%20fraud%20report](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/how-do-you-report-suspected-tax-fraud?#:~:text=Use%20the%20Form%203949%2DA,file%20a%20tax%20fraud%20report).

Additional Fraud Resources:

The United States Department of Justice <https://www.justice.gov/criminal/criminal-fraud/report-fraud>

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse <https://privacyrights.org/>

The Wisconsin Public Interest Network <https://pirg.org/wisconsin?s=fraud>

Tips for you and for you to share with EVERYONE, please:

If you are searching the internet, know that “sponsored” links means they paid to get that top advertising spot. **Keep scrolling** to get past those sponsored links, as they may be bogus or risky.

When going to websites, look for “https://” at the beginning of the URL. The “s” at the end of the http means the site is “secure.” If a site does not have the https beginning, it may still be a safe site; however, **do not** share any personal information on the site.