



# Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

## Take Action

Financial institutions follow procedures to protect your identity, but there are things you can do to stay on the safe side. Follow these tips to keep your identity secure:

- Report lost or stolen credit cards, debit cards or checks immediately. If you act quickly, your financial liability will be limited; and your financial institution will be able to block payment on the fraudulent activity.
- Shred mail offers for credit cards and home loans. This ensures no one else will be able to take advantage of an offer of credit extended to you.
- Be wary of notices that award prizes and request verification. Do not respond to email or telephone requests for your personal and financial information.
- Use only U.S. postal service mailboxes to mail bills and other financial documents. Thieves often target mail left for pick up in residential mail boxes.
- Be suspicious if a bill stops coming or service is interrupted. Call to inquire why if you notice a change you have not requested.

## Place an Alert on Your Credit Files

If you think you have been the victim of identity theft, you can place an alert on your credit

**TransUnion**  
P.O. Box 1000  
Chester, PA 19022  
1-800-888-4213

**Equifax**  
P.O. Box 740241  
Atlanta, Georgia 30374  
1-800-685-1111

**Experian**  
P.O. Box 2002  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742

**Corn Growers State Bank**  
Murdock, Nebraska

