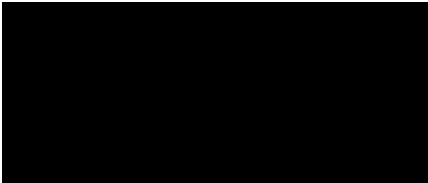


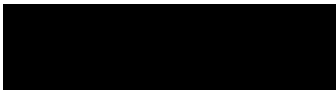
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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**



April 22, 2026

**Subject:** Important Security Notification Regarding Your Personal Information



We value your privacy and are committed to safeguarding your personal information. We are writing to inform you of a recent security incident that may have involved some of your personal data.

**What Happened?**

On April 17, 2026, our HR department identified a payroll discrepancy. A subsequent investigation confirmed that between February 11, 2026, and March 25, 2026, an unauthorized actor gained access to your corporate email and payroll account. During this time, the unauthorized actor replaced your banking information with their own in an attempt to divert your payroll funds.

**What Information Was Involved?**

The information subject to unauthorized access included your:

- Full name and address
- Email correspondence
- Stored credentials (passwords)
- Banking/Payroll routing information

**What We Are Doing**

Upon discovery, we immediately conducted a forensic log review and initiated credential resets to secure your accounts. We also coordinated with our payroll vendor to successfully recover and transfer the diverted funds back to you. To prevent a recurrence, we are accelerating our rollout of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), implementing context-aware access policies, and increasing our internal security monitoring.

## What You Can Do

While we have recovered the misdirected funds, we recommend you take the following steps to protect your personal information:

1. **Review Your Accounts:** Closely monitor your bank and credit card statements for any suspicious activity. Report any unauthorized transactions to your financial institution immediately.
2. **Update Passwords:** If you use the same passwords for other personal accounts (banking, social media, etc.) as you did for your corporate email, change them immediately and enable 2FA where available. We recommend that you update all your passwords.
3. **Place a Fraud Alert:** You may place a free "fraud alert" on your credit file by contacting any of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. This alerts creditors to contact you before opening new accounts.
  - **Equifax:** 1-800-525-6285 | [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
  - **Experian:** 1-888-397-3742 | [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
  - **TransUnion:** 1-800-680-7289 | [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)
4. **Obtain a Free Credit Report:** You are entitled to a free credit report annually from each agency at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).
5. **Visit the FTC:** For more information on identity theft protection, visit the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov) or call 1-877-ID-THEFT.
6. **File a Police Report:** You have the right to file a police report with your local law enforcement agency. A copy of the police report or a "case number" is often required by banks and credit card companies to clear your records of fraudulent activity.

## For More Information

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the Human Resources Director, Kimberly Nobrega at [knobrega@akfcs.org](mailto:knobrega@akfcs.org) or (508) 854-8400 ext. 3220.

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