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March 6, 2019

[Client Name] [Client address]

### Dear Client:

I am writing to inform you of an incident involving your personal information. On February 25th, 2019, we were notified that your tax statement was sent to your address of record, but the document was lost in transit by the mail carrier. The personal information on the tax statement included your name, address, last four digits of Social Security Number and account number. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, I wanted to notify you of this incident.

We have taken steps to protect your accounts from unauthorized activity, which includes instructing our service associates to use extra caution when verifying callers and to confirm the signature on written requests related to your accounts.

As a precaution, Ameriprise Financial is providing you an opportunity to enroll in an independently operated credit monitoring program for one year at no expense to you. This program is administered by EZ Shield, Inc. The services include resolution assistance by certified fraud experts, Internet Monitoring which will alert you if your information is being traded on the dark web, and credit monitoring to keep you informed of changes to your information within the Experian credit bureau. To obtain these services, please go to https://myidentity.ezshield.com/protection and insert code:

None of us like to hear about incidents involving our personal information. And in situations like this, taking a few prudent steps can further protect you against the potential misuse of your information. That's why we recommend the following actions:

Register a Fraud Alert or Security Freeze with the three major credit bureaus listed below:

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- Thoroughly review your account statements and transaction confirmations.
- Closely monitor all of your personal accounts (e.g. checking and savings, credit cards, etc) to make sure there is no unauthorized activity.
- Review any solicitations you receive in the near future.
- Be vigilant if you receive a call from someone who claims to represent Ameriprise Financial. If you have any doubts about the caller, hang up and call your advisor to verify the validity of the call.

- Read the enclosed educational brochure which provides resources and measures to help protect against identity theft.
  - o Additional information is available on ameriprise.com/privacy-security-fraud/
- The Federal Trade Commission also has many resources available to help protect against identity theft.
  Contact them at:

Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) 438-4338 identitytheft.gov

• If you notice any unusual activity, contact your advisor or Ameriprise Financial Customer Service at (800) 862-7919 immediately. We are here to help.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Webber at 203.307.5237. Please accept my sincere apology regarding this situation and any inconvenience it may cause you.

Sincerely,

Pankhuri Bajpai Sr. Associate- Privacy Office Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

Enclosure: Ameriprise Financial Identity Theft Brochure

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Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to **each** of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com); Experian (www.experian.com); and TransUnion (www.transunion.com) by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	Trans Union Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19022-2000
www.freeze.equifax.com	www.experian.com/freeze	www.freeze.transunion.com
(800) 685-1111	(888) 397-3742	(888) 909-8872

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security Number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years:
- 5. Proof of current address such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.)
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft;

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

# How does identify theft happen?

## Dumpster Diving

documents with personal information - your name, Rummaging through trash looking for bills or other address, phone number, wilty service account numbers, credit pard numbers and your Societ Security number.

### Phisting

and direct you to a website that tooks identical to the asking you to "update" or "confirm" your information personal information so the operators can steal your legitimate organization's site. The phishing site is a information. For example, you may receive an email phony site designed to trick you into divulging your where orininals impersonate financial institutions or companies to persuade you to reveal personal Phone calls, spain emails or pop-up messages

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### Social Engineering

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Stealing or finding lost wallets and purses, as well as mail items such as bank and credit card statements, information. Thieves may also work for businesses, medical offices or government agencies, and steal pre-approved credit offers, new checks or tax information on the job,

### Resources

from government agencies about scams and onnies You can find resources and information poline and that can lead to identity theft.

## Federal Trade Commission

Phone: 1.877.1D-THEFT (438.4338) Web: ftc.gov/idtheft

### OnGuard Online

or TTY 1,866,653,4261

Web: onguardonline.gov

## Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Web: privacyrights.org Phone: 619.298.3396

US Postal Inspection Service

Web: usps.com/postalinspectors Phone: 1.877.876.2455

### **US Secret Service**

Web: secretservice.gov

## Social Security Administration

Phone-Fraud Hotime: 1,800,259,0271 Web: oig.ssa.gov

# **US Government Information and Services**

Phone: 1.844.872.4681 Web: usa.gov

# Identity Theft Resource Center

Phone: 1.888,400,5530 Web: idtheftcenter.org

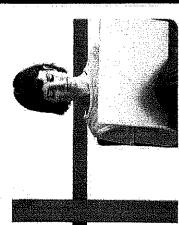
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### identity theft your risk of Reduce

# What is Identity Theft?

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## Protect your identity

- any personal information, ensure you know why it is Keep your information private, Before disclosing required and how it will be used.
- Legitimate companies don't ask for information messages trat ask for personal information. Dan't respond to email, text or phone
  - give your Social Security number to people or Guard your Social Security number, Do not this way. Delete the message, companies you do not know.
- business requesting your Social Security number personal information is collected, how it's used, Request to see a privacy policy. A legit mate should have a privacy policy explaining why and who will have access to it.
- Destroy old documents. Shred information you no approved credit offers should be shredded before longer need that conteins personally identifiable information and account numbers. For example, credit card receipts, billing statements and preyou discard them.
- Safeguard your mail from theft, Promplly remove locking, mailbox, and place outgoing mail in post Incoming mail from your mailbox or consider a affice callection baxes.
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  - 1.877.322.8228 to order your free credit Visit annualcreditreport.com or call reports each year.
- Consider staggering your credit report requests from cach agency throughout the year, Look for inquirles and activity on your accounts that you can't explain.
- Review your statements, Carefully and promptly statements and reports. Regularly review your review all transaction confirmations, account account(s) by logging into the secure site at encounter any unauthorized activity on your www.ameriprise.com. If you suspect or

Ameriprise Financial accounts, call your personal financial advisor or contact Client Service at 1.800.862.7919.

# Protect yourself online

- Be wary of any unsolicited emails and offers that seem too good to be true. Never alick on a link sent in an unsolicited email.
- If you are in doubt, don't reply, Call the institution at a knowe number

Credit Bureaus

- personal information or making online purchases. Secure websites can be recognized by the prefix https:// and a padlock icon in the status bar of Use only secure websites when entering the web browser.
- from public computers at libraries, hotel business centers or airports. These are prime target areas Avoid accessing your financial accounts online for thieves using keystroke monitoring tools to steel your usemames and passwords.
- identification numbers (PINs) using letters, Create unique passwords and personal characters and numbers.
- Use frewalls, arrivspyware and anti-virus software to protect your home computer and regularly update these programs.
- materials about many of the online scams at Educate yourself. There are educational onguardonline.gov.
- Limit the personal information you make public about leaving for vacation or information about. on social media sites, including information

# Red flags of identity theft

- Unauthorized charges on your bank, credit card or other accounts
- Mistakes on the explanation of medical benefits from your health plan
- Your regular bills and account statements dan't arrive on time
- Bills or collection natices for products or services you never received
- Calls from debt collectors about debts that don't to you
- You are turned down unexpectedly for a loan or a job

### information is lost or stolen What to do if your personal

Contact one of the three major credit bureaus and request that a "fraud alert" is placed on your file. The atert instructs creditors to verify your identity vía phone before opening any new accounts or making changes to your existing accounts.

Equifax	P.D. Box 740241
	Atlanta, GA 30374
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Experian	P.D. Box 9554
	Allen, TX 75013
	(888) 397-3742
	moo ususdas
TransUnion	2 Baldwin Place
	P.O. Box 1000
	Chester, PA 19022
	(800) 680-7289
	transunion.com

activity on your Ameriprise Financial accounts, If you suspect or encounter any unauthorized call your personal financial advisor or contact Client Service at 1.800.862,7919.

### How Ameriprise Financial protects your information

protecting our clients' assets, personal information and privacy. We maintain physical electronic and procedural safeguards to protect your information. We will not sell your personal information to anyone. For more information, vist the Privacy and Security Center on americalise.com. Ameriprise Financial is dedicated to

## What to do if you are the victim of identity theft

personal information to open accounts or pursue Contact a credit bureau, inform one of the if you discover that someone has used your unauthorized activity:

- three major credit bureaus that you are a victim of identity theft.
  - Place a freeze on your credit report. Consider a credit monitoring service.
- They may be able to provide additional security measures to protect your account. Close any accounts you suspent are fraudulant or have Contact your other financial institutions. fraudulent transactions.
- and most creditors require a law enforcement File a police report. Identity theft is a crime report as proof of the theft.
- enforcement officials across the country in Commission (FTC). Your report will aid law Report the crime to the Federal Trade their investigations.
- identity theft information packet to assist victims. Request a packet via the contact options below: Seek assistance. The FTC has created an Web: ftc.gov/ictheft

Phone: 1.877,ID-THEFT (438,4338) or TTY 1.866,653.4261

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- officials and other relevant parties. Follow up all phone calls in writing and send correspondence conversations with creditors, law enforcement Keep a record of your contacts. Start a file police report, capies of disputed bills and any correspondence. Keep a log of your with copies of your credit reports, the

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