

EmergeOrtho  
c/o Cyberscout  
38120 Amrhein Road  
Livonia, MI 48150



Notice of Data Security Incident

August 25, 2022

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EmergeOrtho is an orthopedic practice serving five regions across North Carolina. We are writing to inform you of an incident that involved your personal information. We take the security of your personal information seriously, and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information.

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We found no evidence that your information has been specifically misused; however, it is possible that the following personal information could have been accessed by an unauthorized third party: first and last name, address, Social Security number, and, in some cases, date of birth. Please be assured that your medical records, treatment information, financial account and payment card information were not compromised as a result of this incident.

What We Are Doing:

Data security is one of our highest priorities. Upon detecting this incident we moved quickly to initiate a response, which included retaining a leading forensic investigation firm who assisted in conducting an investigation along with the assistance of leading IT specialists to confirm the security of our network environment. Additionally, we are coordinating with the FBI. We have also deployed additional monitoring tools and will continue to enhance the security of our systems.

We value the safety of your personal information and are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score\* services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. In addition, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have, or in the event your identity is compromised. These services will be provided by CyberScout through Identity Force, a company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services..

What You Can Do:

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/emergeortho> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services [REDACTED] Please note the deadline to enroll is **November 30, 2022**.

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Notice of Data Security Incident

August 25, 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

We recently discovered that a data security incident may have resulted in the possible unintentional exposure of your personal information. This letter contains additional information about the incident, our response to this incident, and steps you can take to protect yourself. Please be assured that EmmergeOrtho takes the protection and proper use of your personal information very seriously, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

What Happened and What Information was Involved:

On May 18, 2022, we detected and stopped a sophisticated ransomware attack, in which an unauthorized third party accessed some of EmmergeOrtho's computer systems. We immediately engaged a third-party forensic firm to assist us with securing the network environment and investigating the extent of any unauthorized activity. The investigation concluded on August 19, 2022. Our investigation determined that an unauthorized third party accessed certain individual personal information during this incident.

We found no evidence that your information has been specifically misused; however, it is possible that the following personal information could have been accessed by an unauthorized third party: first and last name, address, Social Security number, financial account information, and, in some cases, driver's license number and date of birth.

What We Are Doing:

Data security is one of our highest priorities. Upon detecting this incident we moved quickly to initiate a response, which included retaining a leading forensic investigation firm who assisted in conducting an investigation along with the assistance of leading IT specialists to confirm the security of our network environment. Additionally, we are coordinating with the FBI. We have also deployed additional monitoring tools and will continue to enhance the security of our systems.

We value the safety of your personal information and are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. In addition, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have, or in the event your identity is compromised. These services will be provided by CyberScout through Identity Force, a company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. .

What You Can Do:

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/emergeortho> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED] Please note the deadline to enroll is **November 30, 2022**.

The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

We encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. The call center representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

Enclosed you will find additional information regarding the resources available to you, and the steps that you can take to further protect your personal information.

For More Information:

If you have additional questions, please call the dedicated call center at 1-833-514-2246, Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm Eastern time, excluding holidays. Representatives are available for 90 days.

Sincerely,



Allison Farmer, CEO  
EmergeOrtho

### Additional Information

**Credit Reports:** You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.



**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-349-9960 <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/</a>	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742 <a href="https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html">https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html</a>	P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 1-888-909-8872 <a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze">https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</a>

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax ([https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\\_Alert\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf));
- TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or
- Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>).

A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at listed above.

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**File Police Report:** You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General..

**FTC and Attorneys General:** You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov), 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

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