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Replacement Driver's License/ ID Card/Professional License

Date: [mm/dd/yyyy]  
[Customer Name]  
[Customer Address]

Customer ID: [#]

Dear [First Last]:



### Why did you receive this correspondence?

We value and respect the privacy of your information, which is why the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Registry of Motor Vehicles ("MassDOT") is writing to you today. We want to inform you of a recent incident where one of our employees inadvertently disclosed certain of your information. It is important to note that we are not aware of any misuse of your information and believe any misuse is unlikely. However, we wanted to notify you of the incident out of an abundance of caution.

Specifically, our employee inadvertently disclosed a photograph of your motor vehicle registration and title, containing your name, address, date of birth, state assigned driver's license number and other information relating to your vehicle's registration, to the employee's personal social media page. Please note that your Social Security Number and financial information were not disclosed. MassDOT learned of this incident on December 30, 2020 and immediately commenced an investigation, including alerting the employee who promptly removed the posting. It is believed that your information was not publicly posted for more than a few minutes.



### What do you need to do?

If you would like to obtain a free replacement driver's license or ID card with a new state assigned (SA) number, which will also result in a free replacement professional license, please contact Steve Evans, Director of Driver Licensing at (857) 368-7250.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident; however, we have not filed a police report at this time. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

You may also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. 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. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three (3) major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)). To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a



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security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

**Equifax Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348

1-800-349-9960

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/>

**Experian Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

1-888-397-3742

<https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>

**TransUnion Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

1-888-909-8872

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide some or all of the following information to the credit reporting agency, depending on whether you do so online, by phone, or by mail:

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, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five (5) years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2;
8. 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 up to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report, based upon the method of your request. 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. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website,



or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including 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. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online or by telephone) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) 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 make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide 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 between one (1) hour (for requests made online or by telephone) and three (3) business days (for requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

MassDOT considers the protection and security of your personal information one of its highest priorities and regrets any inconvenience that this incident may have caused you.



### **Are you responsible for any fees?**

You are not responsible for any fees related to a free replacement driver's license or ID card and professional license with a new state assigned (SA) number.



### **What if you have questions?**

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Evans, Director of Driver Licensing at (857) 368-7250.

Sincerely,

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles