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## Via First-Class Mail

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## NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear

Timex Group USA, Inc. ("Timex Group") writes to notify you of an incident that affects the privacy of some of your personal information.

Due to requirements imposed by Massachusetts law, we are unable to provide details about the nature of this incident. The information relating to you that was impacted by this incident includes your name and Social Security number. As such, we are providing you with access to resources so you can better protect against potential misuse of your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care is one of our highest priorities.

We are offering you access to credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Cyberscout, a TransUnion company, for two (2) years at no cost to you. To enroll in these services please follow the steps below.

#### **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

In response to the incident, we 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 twenty-four (24) 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. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to **https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/timexgroup** and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services:

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. 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.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven (7) years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information, depending on whether you make the request online, by phone, or by mail:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to 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, 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.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/	https://www.experian.com	https://www.transunion.com/credit-
credit-report-services/	/help/	help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O.	
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	Box 9554, Allen, TX	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box
105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	75013	2000, Chester, PA 19016
	Experian Credit Freeze,	
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box
105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	75013	160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

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.

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and 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 and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

We understand you may have questions about the incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have questions, or need assistance, please call 1-844-924-4094, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding holidays. You may also write to Timex Group at 555 Christian Road, Middlebury, CT 06762.

Sincerely,

David Payne Senior Vice President General Counsel, HR, and Secretary Timex Group USA, Inc