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Dick Blick Holdings, Inc.

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Dear [REDACTED]:

We write to make you aware of a recent data security incident involving the potential unauthorized access to some of our customers' payment card data. The privacy and security of your personal information is of utmost importance to Dick Blick Holdings, Inc. ("Dick Blick Holdings").

We recently discovered that an unauthorized individual may have acquired a limited amount of personal information. We immediately engaged external data privacy professionals and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation into the incident. The information that may have been acquired in this incident included customer name, credit or debit card numbers ("payment cards"), CVVs (3 or 4-digit code on the front or back of the payment card), and payment card expiration dates. We discovered on August 10, 2021 that you completed a transaction between March 11, 2020 and December 15, 2020 with your payment card ending in [REDACTED] and your payment card information may be at risk. No other personal information of yours was affected because of this incident. Your payment card company is already aware of the potential risk to your payment card and may have already closed your account and reissued you a new payment card.

Because we value our relationship with you, we wanted to make you aware of the incident. We also wanted to let you know what we are doing to further secure your information and suggest steps you can take to protect your information. Since learning of the incident, we have implemented enhanced security safeguards to help protect against similar incidents.

Below you will find precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant by reviewing your financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis and monitoring free credit reports.

As a best practice, you should also call your bank or payment card issuer if you see any suspicious transactions. The policies of the payment card brands, such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover, provide that you are not liable for any unauthorized charges if you report them in a timely manner. You should also ask your bank or payment card issuer whether a new card should be issued to you if it has not been already.

Your trust is a top priority for Dick Blick Holdings and we deeply regret the inconvenience this may have caused. The privacy and protection of our customers' information is a matter we take seriously.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line to respond to questions at [REDACTED]. This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Thank you,

Dick Blick Holdings, Inc.

– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

1. Placing a Fraud Alert.

You may place an initial one-year “Fraud Alert” on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.equifax.com
1-800-525-6285

Experian

P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com
1-888-397-3742

TransUnion LLC

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
www.transunion.com
1-800-680-7289

2. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a “Security Freeze” be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze

PO Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<https://www.freeze.equifax.com>
1-800-349-9960

Experian Security Freeze

PO Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<http://experian.com/freeze>
1-888-397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze>
1-888-909-8872

To place the security freeze, you’ll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report with your local law enforcement agency.

3. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

4. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by contacting them on the internet at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC’s Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

Massachusetts Residents: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report 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.