



CITY OF NEWPORT

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Please be assured that we are taking this incident seriously. We have arranged for you to receive a complimentary two-year membership to Experian's® IdentityWorksSM credit monitoring service. This product helps detect possible misuse of your information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, as well as some additional steps you can take in response, please see the additional information provided with this letter.

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Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: <<b2b_text_6 (date)>> (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
3. PROVIDE the Activation Code: <<Activation Code s_n>>

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at **877.288.8057** by <<b2b_text_6 (date)>>. Be prepared to provide engagement number <<b2b_text_1 (engagement#)>> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately without needing to enroll in the product** regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

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- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
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- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at **877.288.8057**. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for two years from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

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If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

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Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:

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After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

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Connecticut: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Connecticut Attorney General's Office*, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, www.ct.gov/ag

Maryland: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023 / 1-410-576-6300, www.oag.state.md.us

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New York: You may contact and obtain information from these state agencies: *New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection*, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and *New York State Office of the Attorney General*, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>

North Carolina: You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, www.ncdoj.gov



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Please be assured that we are taking this incident seriously. We are offering your child a complimentary two-year membership to Experian's IdentityWorksSM Minor Plus. This product helps detect possible misuse of your child's information and provides your child with identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. **For more information on IdentityWorks, including instructions on how to activate your child's complimentary two-year membership, as well as some additional steps you can take to protect your child's information, please see the pages that follow this letter.**

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To help protect your minor's identity, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Minor Plus product. This product monitors for the creation of a credit file in your minor's name, and includes internet surveillance, and identity theft insurance at no cost.

Activate Experian IdentityWorks Minor Plus Now in Four Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: <<b2b_text_6 (date)>> (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. VISIT the **Experian IdentityWorks website** to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/minorplus>
3. PROVIDE the **Activation Code**: <<Activation Code s_n>> and the parent's/guardian's information
4. PROVIDE your minor's information when prompted

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at **877.288.8057**. Be prepared to provide engagement number <<b2b_text_1 (engagement#)>> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MINOR PLUS MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Minor Plus. You can contact Experian **immediately without needing to enroll in the product** regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud for your minor. Once you enroll your minor in Experian IdentityWorks, you can access the following additional features:

- **Social Security Number Trace:** Monitoring to determine whether enrolled minors in your household have an Experian credit report. Alerts of all names, aliases and addresses that become associated with your minor's Social Security Number (SSN) on the Experian credit report.
- **Internet Surveillance:** Technology searches the web, chat rooms & bulletin boards 24/7 to identify trading or selling of the minor's personal information on the Dark Web.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** Receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after the Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance*:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Activate your minor's membership today at <https://www.experianidworks.com/minorplus> or call **877.288.8057** to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your minor's information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your minor's account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information.

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ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your child's account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. Parents or guardians may request a copy of their child's or ward's credit information by contacting the three credit reporting bureaus. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

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Credit Freezes: You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your child's credit file, free of charge, so that no new credit can be opened in your child's name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your child's credit report without your consent. If you place a security freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your child's credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a security freeze may delay your child's ability to obtain credit. There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your child's credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

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

1. Your child's full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.)
2. Your child's Social Security number
3. Your child's date of birth
4. If you have moved in the past five years, provide the addresses where your child has 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 your child is a victim of identity theft, include a copy of the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have one business day after receiving your request by toll-free telephone or secure electronic means, or three business days after receiving your request by mail, to place a security freeze on your child's credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five 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 child's credit report, or to lift a security freeze for a specified period of time, you must submit a request through a toll-free telephone number, a secure electronic means maintained by a credit reporting agency, or by sending a written request via regular, certified, or overnight mail to the credit reporting agencies and include proper identification (your child's 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 identity of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your child's credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have one hour after receiving your request by toll-free telephone or secure electronic means, or three business days after receiving your request by mail, to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

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How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.