#### NOTICE OF A DATA BREACH



<<Mail Date>>

<<First Name>><Last Name>>
<<Client Address 1>>
<<Client Address 2>>
<<City>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP>>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

## What Happened?

I am writing to inform you of an incident involving your personal information. On May 18, 2021, we were notified that the fax service in our office was not configured correctly. This resulted in faxed documents being sent to a third-party email account instead of directly to an Ameriprise email account. While there was no intent for misuse, it is against Ameriprise Financial policy to use a third-party email account for client information. There is no indication that the information was accessed by anyone other than the advisors and staff members and the files have been deleted from the email account. Upon discovery, the fax configuration was corrected to use an Ameriprise email account. Due to the sensitive nature of the information, I wanted to notify you of this incident.

#### What Information Was Involved?

The files could have contained your name, address, phone numbers, email address, bank information, date of birth, social security number and financial account numbers.

#### What We Are Doing.

We have taken steps to protect your accounts from unauthorized activity, which includes instructing our service associates to use extra caution when verifying callers and to confirm the signature on written requests related to your accounts.

As a precaution, Ameriprise Financial is providing you an opportunity to enroll in an independently operated credit monitoring program for one year at no expense to you. This program is administered by Equifax, one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Equifax Complete™ Premier will provide you with an "early warning system" which alerts you to any changes to your credit file. The following page of this letter includes the features of the Equifax Service and the promotional code you need to use to enroll.

#### What You Can Do.

None of us like to hear about incidents involving our personal information. And in situations like this, taking a few prudent steps can further protect you against the potential misuse of your information. That's why we recommend the following actions:

- Register a Fraud Alert or Security Freeze with the three major credit bureaus. Contact information on the Additional Resources page.
- Thoroughly review your account statements and transaction confirmations.
- Closely monitor all of your personal accounts (e.g. checking and savings, credit cards, etc.) to make sure there is no unauthorized activity.
- Review any solicitations you receive in the near future.
- Be vigilant if you receive a call from someone who claims to represent Ameriprise Financial. If you have any doubts about the caller, hang up and call your advisor to verify the validity of the call.
- If you notice any unusual activity, contact your advisor or Ameriprise Financial Customer Service at (800) 862-7919 immediately. We are here to help.

## For More Information.

Please contact Shelly Norman for more information at (605) 791.5321. Please accept my sincere apology regarding this situation and any inconvenience it may cause you.

Sincerely,

Shelly Norman Office Administrator

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Enter your Activation Code: < ACTIVATION CODE>

# **Equifax Complete<sup>™</sup> Premier**

\*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product

## **Key Features**

- Annual access to your 3-bureau credit report and VantageScore<sup>1</sup> credit scores
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report and 1-bureau VantageScore credit score
- 3-bureau credit monitoring<sup>2</sup> with email notifications of key changes to your credit reports
- WebScan notifications<sup>3</sup> when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts<sup>4</sup>, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock<sup>5</sup>
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft<sup>6</sup>.
- Lost Wallet Assistance if your wallet is lost or stolen, and one-stop assistance in canceling and reissuing credit, debit and personal identification cards.

# **Enrollment Instructions**

Go to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code listed above, then click "Submit" and follow these 4 steps:

#### 1. Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue".

If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header.

Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

#### 2. Create Account:

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

#### 3. Verify Identity:

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

#### 4. Checkout:

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page.

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

## You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC.

5 Locking your Equifax credit report will prevent access to it by certain third parties. Locking your Equifax credit report will not prevent access to your credit report at any other credit reporting agency. Entities that may still have access to your Equifax credit report include: companies like Equifax Global Consumer Solutions, which provide you with access to your credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report as part of a subscription or similar service; companies that provide you with a copy of your credit report or credit score, upon your request; federal, state and local government agencies and courts in certain circumstances; companies using the information in connection with the underwriting of insurance, or for employment, tenant or background screening purposes; companies that have a current account or relationship with you, and collection agencies acting on behalf of those whom you owe; companies that authenticate a consumer's identity for purposes other than granting credit, or for investigating or preventing actual or potential fraud; and companies that wish to make pre-approved offers of credit or insurance to

you. To opt out of such pre-approved offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.co

<sup>6</sup>The Identity Theft Insurance benefit is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company, under group or blanket policies issued to Equifax, Inc., or its respective affiliates for the benefit of its Members. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The credit scores provided are based on the VantageScore® 3.0 model. For three-bureau VantageScore credit scores, data from Equifax®, Experian®, and TransUnion® are used respectively. Any one-bureau VantageScore uses Equifax data. Third parties use many different types of credit scores and are likely to use a different type of credit score to assess your creditworthiness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Credit monitoring from Experian and TransUnion will take several days to begin. <sup>3</sup>WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 email addresses, and up to 10 medical ID numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers' personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers' personal information is at risk of being traded. <sup>4</sup>The

# **Additional Resources**

Contact/Resource	Phone Number	Web	Address
Federal Trade Commission  • Helpful information on ID Theft	(877) 438-4338	identitytheft.gov	600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580
<ul><li>Equifax</li><li>Register a Fraud Alert or Security Freeze</li></ul>	(800) 525-6285	equifax.com	P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374
<ul><li>Experian</li><li>Register a Fraud Alert or Security Freeze</li></ul>	(888) 397-3742	experian.com	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013
Transunion  Register a Fraud Alert or Security Freeze	(800) 680-7289	transunion.com	2 Baldwin Place P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19022
<b>Identity Theft Resource Center</b>	(888) 400-5530	idtheftcenter.org	3625 Ruffiin Road #204 San Diego, CA 92123
OnGuard Online  Online Safety Resources		onguardonline.gov	

## AMERIPRISE RESOURCES

Resource	Web
Privacy, Security & Fraud Center	
Link to our Privacy Notice	ameriprise.com/privacy-security-fraud
How we protect your information	
Reporting and Preventing Fraud	
Online Security Guarantee	ameriprise.com/privacy-security-fraud/online-security-guarantee

#### **SECURITY FREEZE**

Many state laws also allow consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports. 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.

To place a freeze, write, go online or call the three credit bureaus below. Documents will be requested to verify your identity and address, possibly including but not limited to: copies of your Social Security card, paystub, state driver's license, or utility bill.

Contact/Resource	Phone Number	Web	Address
<b>Equifax Security Freeze</b>	(800) 349-9960	equifax.com	P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
Experian Security Freeze	(888) 397-3742	experian.com/freeze/center.html	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013
Trans Union Security Freeze	(888) 909-8872	transunion.com/credit-freeze	P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094

## Residents of Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, New York, Kentucky, Rhode Island and Oregon:

The Identity Theft Unit in your state gives you step-by-step advice on how to protect yourself and help you to address some of the issues that identity theft causes. Report suspected identity theft to your local law enforcement, the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission. Below are the mailing address, website, and phone number for the Office of the Attorney General of your state.

State	Phone Number	Web	Address
Iowa	(515) 281-5044 (800) 373-5044	iowaattorneygeneral.gov_	Office of the Attorney General of IA Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50319
New York	(800) 697-1220	dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection	New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave Albany, NY 12231-0001
	(800) 771-7755	ag.ny.gov	Office of the Attorney General of NY The Capitol Albany, NY 12224-0341
North Carolina	(877) 5-NO-SCAM Toll-free within North Carolina (919) 716-6000	ncdoj.gov	Office of the Attorney General of NC Consumer Protection Division 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
Oregon	(503) 378-4400	doj.state.or.us_	Oregon Department of Justice 1162 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4096
Maryland	(410) 576-6491	oag.state.md.us_	Office of the Attorney General of MD 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202
Kentucky	(502) 696-5300	ag.ky.gov	Office of the Attorney General of KY 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Rhode Island	(401) 274-4400	riag.ri.gov_	Office of the Attorney General of RI 150 South Main Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903
District of Columbia	(202) 727-3400	oag.dc.gov	Office of the Attorney General of DC 441 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

## Residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

As a resident of Massachusetts or Rhode Island, you have the right to obtain any police report filed regarding 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.