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### \*\*\*FRAUD AND SCAMS\*\*\*

**Are you a victim of fraud or a scam? Take these actions now!**

- Contact your financial institution and explain to them that you are a victim of fraud or scam.
- Make a report to your local police department.
- Contact the 3 credit bureaus
  - Experian: 1-888-397-3742; [Experian.com/help](http://Experian.com/help)
  - Transunion: 1-888-909-8872; [TransUnion.com/credit-help](http://TransUnion.com/credit-help)
  - Equifax: 1-800-685-1111; [Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services](http://Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services)
- Did you know that you can obtain a free copy of your credit report annually? You can go to [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228. You will need to provide your name, address, social security number, and date of birth to verify your identity. You can also visit the Federal Trade Commission website <https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/get-my-free-credit-report>.
- Cancel or freeze any credit cards that might have been compromised. In most cases it is best to request a new card.
- Change passwords on your accounts effected.
- If you gave out your social security number please visit the Social Security Administration Website <https://www.ssa.gov/fraud/>.
- Add your phone number to the National Do Not Call Registry. <https://www.donotcall.gov/> or call (888) 382-1222 to learn more.
- Contact the Maine Attorney General Office Fraud Division at (207) 626-8849 or (800) 436-2131 – toll free in Maine or visit <https://www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/complaints/index.shtml>

#### Information we need:

- Name, date of birth address, phone number
- What type of scam? (In person, online, social media, phone etc.)
- Scammer information
- Amount of money you were scammed, if any.

#### REMEMBER!

- Never give out ANY personal information to anyone you do not know or to phone numbers you do not recognize.
- If it seems odd or suspicious, chances are it is a scam.
- When in doubt contact your local police department.
- Monitor your credit score and bank accounts.