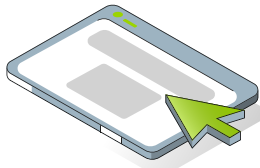
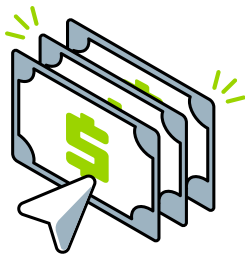


CREDIT LOCK ROCK



Freeze Your Credit

To prevent thieves from opening new accounts in your name, consider freezing your credit. When you want to apply for new credit, you can temporarily unfreeze it. Doing this won't affect your credit score. You can do this at the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.



Place a Fraud Alert

If you can't freeze your credit immediately, place a fraud alert on your credit reports. IT adds an extra layer of protection and notifies creditors to verify your identity before opening new accounts.



Monitor Your Accounts

Regularly check your bank and credit card statements for unauthorized charges. If you spot anything suspicious, contact your financial institution right away.



Annual Credit Check-Up

Review your credit report annually. You're entitled to a free credit report from each bureau every year. Look for errors and file a claim to correct any inaccuracies.



Stay Vigilant

Be cautious with emails and links. Scammers often exploit data breaches. Update your passwords and PINs, and consider enabling multi-factor authentication for added security.



FTC Data Breach Resources:

Visit [Data Breach Resources | Federal Trade Commission](#) for more information on protecting yourself.

Visit [IdentityTheft.gov/databreach](#) for personalized advice based on your situation.

Credit Bureaus Contact Information:

- Equifax: [equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services](https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services) or 1-800-685-1111
- Experian: [experian.com/help](https://www.experian.com/help) or 1-888-397-3742
- TransUnion: [transunion.com/credit-help](https://www.transunion.com/credit-help) or 1-888-909-8872.