Defending Your Dollars: Essential Fraud Prevention in the Digital Age Useful Resources & Contacts

PREVENTION: Test Strength of Your Passwords: <u>https://www.security.org/</u> <u>https://www.passwordmonster.com</u>

Free Credit Report https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action

BBB Scam Prevention Guide www.bbb.org/all/scam-prevention

Identity Theft Resource Center https://www.idtheftcenter.org/

DATA BREACHED: BBB Scam Survival Toolkit https://scamsurvivaltoolkit.bbbmarketplacetrust.org

Check if your email address is in data breach: https://haveibeenpwned.com/

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Federal Trade Commission (FTC) https://www.identitytheft.gov | 1-877-438-4338



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PREVENTION:

- Don't react and take a step back to evaluate the situation
 - $\circ~$ Remind yourself of our psychological vulnerabilities
- Confirm source by contacting person or company directly
- Don't answer phone calls you don't recognize let them leave a message
- Don't trust caller ID numbers can be easily spoofed
- Be aware of your web presence
- Be very cautious for any personal information requests
- Enable multi-factor authentication with distinct factors
- Use separate unique email account for banking
- Keep your devices up-to-date
- Choose different passwords that are over 12-characters long
- Never share one-time passcodes that are sent to you
- Use chip cards and digital wallets versus swiping your card
- Don't store your credit card number on sites you don't frequent
- Avoid public networks

DATA BREACHED:

- Take immediate action!
- Contact and report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission
- Contact the three major credit bureaus and freeze your credit and request fraud alerts
- Notify the financial institution's Fraud Department
- Review statements and recent transactions
- Close any account that may be compromised
- Review personal accounts and change login credentials
- Consider investing in identity theft and data breach protection

