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Freeze Your Credit Report

Effective September 21, 2018, federal law changed, allowing consumers to place and lift a freeze on their credit reports at no cost.

Freezing your credit report is a good idea since it prevents new credit from being opened in your name. This is a great protection against unwanted identity theft.

Freeze yours at each of the bureaus listed below:

Equifax: equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/

or call: 800-349-9960

Transunion: <u>transunion.com/credit-freeze</u>

or call 888-909-8872

Experian: experian.com/freeze/center.html

or call 888-397-3742

Four-step process:

- 1. Create your login information
- 2. Verify your identity
- 3. Create a PIN
- 4. Freeze or "thaw" any time*

*There are timing requirements

You'll need to "thaw" your report when you:

- Apply for any "new credit"
- 2. Apply for a job that does credit checks
- 3. Purchase insurance in your name
- 4. Move to a new residence