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### Steps to Protect Yourself from the Equifax Breach

On September 7, credit reporting entity Equifax announced a data breach that may have impacted up to 143 million people. Equifax has established a dedicated website to help consumers determine if their information was potentially compromised. The address for this website is [www.equifaxsecurity2017.com](http://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com). Consumers can also contact the Equifax call center at 866-447-7559 for assistance. Their call center is open every day (including weekends) from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. eastern time.

Somerset Trust Company encourages our customers to do the following:

- Monitor credit reports regularly. Credit reports are available from each of the three credit bureaus once a year at no charge. Everyone with credit should monitor these reports for suspicious activity throughout the year.
- Monitor your credit card and bank statements diligently and report any potential fraudulent charges to the card issuer immediately.
- Consider placing a Fraud Alert or Credit Freeze on your credit files. If you would like the contact information for the Credit Bureaus, [click here](#) to read more about Identity Theft recovery.
- Be on the lookout for phishing emails or phone calls claiming they are relative to this incident that attempt to get you to click on links, open attachments, or provide any personal information. If your information was included in this breach, do not rely on an email or phone call to tell you. Check the Equifax website or contact them directly at the phone number listed above.
- If you would like to speak to a Somerset Trust employee about this breach, please call our Fraud Hotline at 814-530-1013 to speak to a dedicated member of the Somerset Trust Company Fraud Team.