

HOW TO SHOP SAFELY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

SHOP SECURELY: Use only trusted websites. Avoid entering payment details on unfamiliar or suspicious sites.

USE SECURE NETWORKS: Always shop online using a secure Wi-Fi connection or VPN.

AVOID SKIMMING DEVICES: Prioritize chip payment. If a terminal forces a swipe, it may be compromised.

LIMIT PERSONAL INFORMATION SHARING: Avoid oversharing online, as personal details can be used to guess security questions.

VERIFY DEALS: Be cautious of “too good to be true” offers via email or SMS. Confirm promotions directly with the retailer.

MONITOR FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: Regularly review account statements and credit reports. Consider enrolling in a credit monitoring service. Access your credit reports or freeze them at: www.equifax.com, www.experian.com or www.transunion.com.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION: Ensure your financial institution has your current contact details and respond promptly to fraud alerts.

PROTECT PHYSICAL MAIL: Monitor your mailbox and shred sensitive documents, including pre-approved credit offers.

USE STRONG, UNIQUE PASSWORDS: Employ different secure passwords for financial accounts, social media, and mobile devices.