

EWM Personal Finance Tips & Solutions

Freeze your Credit for Free!

Problem: How can I protect myself from credit fraud?

Solution: Freeze your credit identity at Equifax, Experian, and Transunion credit bureaus today!

Steps to take:

- Equifax (https://www.equifax.com)
- 1. Click "Log In" and "Choose My Plan".
- 2. Under "FREE" click "Get Started".
- 3. Enter your personal information, check the box next to "I'm not a robot", then click "Continue".
- 4. Enter your email address, create a password and click "Sign Into MyEquifax".
- 5. Enter and confirm your Email and Password, then click "I accept".
- 6. Click "Yes, Send Me a Text", and enter the code sent to your phone number, then click Continue.
- 7. Click "View My Product", next click "Place a freeze", and click "Place a freeze" again and it will be frozen.
- Experian (https://www.experian.com)
- 1. Click "Let's get started".
- 2. Enter last 4 of Social Security number and phone number, then click "Get Started".
- 3. Click on the link sent to your phone, then the system will allow you to create your account.
- 4. Enter your personal information and email, create a password, then click "Create Your Account".
- 5. Choose a security question and answer it, create a 4-digit PIN, and answer final question then click "Submit and Continue".
- 6. Click "Credit" at the top, then click "Experian CreditLock", and then click "Security Freeze".
- 7. DO NOT click "Upgrade to lock your file". The link "security freeze" will be below in blue.
- 8. Click "Unfrozen" and the slider will move to the right and say "Frozen", your credit is now frozen.

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- TransUnion (https://www.transunion.com)
- 1. Click "Services", then "Freeze Credit Report" and then click "Add a Freeze".
- 2. Enter your information and click "Submit & Continue to Step 2".
- 3. Create your account information and click "I Accept & Continue To Step 3".
- 4. Select Text Message or Phone Call and click "Agree and Send Passcode".
- 5. Enter the Security Passcode and click "Credit Freeze".
- 6. Click "Add Freeze".
- 7. Create a PIN, confirm it, then click "Continue". Your credit is now frozen!

<u>Key things to note:</u> When applying for credit, you are able to unfreeze your credit for a specific period of time in order for companies to view your credit history. **You must remember the codes to freeze and unfreeze**.

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