

FTC's Website

<http://www2.ftc.gov/ftc/contact.shtm> - FTC's Contact information

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/> - FTC's Identity Theft Site

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/downloads/TalkingAboutIDTheft.pdf> - FTC's How-to Guide on Identity Theft

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/consumers/defend.html#Whatisafraudalert> – FTC's Definition: What is a fraud alert & extended fraud alert? What's the difference between a credit freeze and fraud alert?

Consumers Union

The link below is the Consumers Union's guide to the Security Freeze and State by state Laws. PLEASE NOTE: Consumers Union has provided the following templates as general guidelines on how to place the security freeze in your state. However, we strongly recommend that you also check with the three major credit reporting agencies (TransUnion, Equifax and Experian) to ensure you are submitting the proper documents when placing and using the security freeze.

http://www.consumersunion.org/campaigns/learn_more/003484indiv.html - Security Freeze Information State by state laws on Security Freeze

<http://www.consumersunion.org/> - Consumers Union home page

Bonus

Many companies may offer additional services, including removing your name from mailing lists or pre-screened offers of credit or insurance, representing your legal interests, "guaranteeing" reimbursement in the event you experience a loss due to identity theft, or helping you track down whether your personal information has been exposed online. Before you agree to pay for any of these services, read the fine print. You can get some of them yourself at no cost: for example, if you decide you don't want to receive pre-screened offers of credit and insurance, you can opt out for five years or permanently by calling toll-free 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688) or visiting <https://www.optoutprescreen.com/?rf=t>