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September 27, 2023

## NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Blackhawk Engagement Solutions ("Blackhawk") is writing to notify you of a data security issue involving your prepaid incentive card(s). Pathward N.A. uses us as a third-party service provider to manage prepaid incentive cards (e.g., gift cards) that they issue to individuals ("Prepaid Cards").

## What Happened?

On August 12, 2023, we identified irregular activity in connection with MyPrepaidCenter.com, the website that Blackhawk operates for cardholders to activate and manage Prepaid Cards. Based on our investigation, an unauthorized party used a malicious exploit on the website that potentially could have provided access to certain information in your MyPrepaidCenter.com profile and your Prepaid Card information.

### What Information Was Involved?

The issue involved information you provided for your MyPrepaidCenter.com profile, including your name. It also included information relating to your Prepaid Card(s) you added to your <a href="https://www.MyPrepaidCenter.com">www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</a> profile, such as card number, expiration date, and CVV code.

### What We Are Doing

Upon identifying the irregular activity on the website, we took steps to secure the MyPrepaidCenter website and determine the nature and scope of the issue. In addition, we promptly blocked your impacted Prepaid Card(s) so the card(s) cannot be used, and reissued new card(s), so that you can continue to use your Prepaid Card(s). We also notified law enforcement authorities of this issue and are coordinating with them in their investigation.

#### What You Can Do

We regret that this issue may affect you. We take our obligation to safeguard personal information very seriously and are alerting you about this issue so you can take steps to help protect yourself.

Please check the balance on your replacement Prepaid Card(s). You can check the balance at <a href="https://www.MyPrepaidCenter.com">www.MyPrepaidCenter.com</a>. Upon checking your balance, if you believe the balance is inaccurate or otherwise notice activity you do not recognize on your card(s), please contact us at 1-844-786-9801.

You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. We

encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports. The attached Reference Guide provides information on recommendations by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on the protection of personal information.

# **For More Information**

We hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call 1-844-786-9801. Again, we regret any inconvenience this issue may cause you.

Sincerely,

Tom Vagt

Vice President of Customer Service

#### **Reference Guide**

We encourage affected individuals to take the following steps:

Order Your Free Credit Report. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC's") website at <a href="www.consumer.ftc.gov">www.consumer.ftc.gov</a> and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three nationwide consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you haven't requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names. The consumer reporting agency will be able to tell you when that is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in your information (such as home address and Social Security number). If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the consumer reporting agencies of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate consumer reporting agency by telephone and in writing. Consumer reporting agency staff will review your report with you. If the information cannot be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that cannot be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

**Report Incidents.** If you detect any unauthorized transactions in your financial account, promptly notify us or your other relevant financial institution or payment card company. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC and your state Attorney General. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the FTC recommends that you take these steps:

Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. For streamlined checklists and sample letters to help guide you through the recovery process, please visit <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov/">https://www.identitytheft.gov/</a>.

File a local police report. Obtain a copy of the police report and submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft/

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File. To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three consumer reporting agencies. For more information on fraud alerts, you also may contact the FTC as described above.

Equifax	Equifax Information Services LLC	1-800-525-6285	www.equifax.com
	P.O. Box 740241		
	Atlanta, GA 30374		
Experian	Experian Inc.	1-888-397-3742	www.experian.com
	P.O. Box 9554		
	Allen, TX 75013		
TransUnion	TransUnion LLC	1-800-680-7289	www.transunion.com
	P.O. Box 2000		
	Chester, PA 19016		

Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File. You may wish to place a "security freeze" (also known as a "credit freeze") on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually. There is no charge to place or lift a security freeze. For more information on security freezes, you may contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies or the FTC as described above. As the instructions for establishing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information.

The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide:

Your full name with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III)

Your Social Security number

Your date of birth

Addresses where you have lived over the past five years

A legible copy of a government-issued identification card (such as a state driver's license or military ID card)

Proof of your current residential address (such as a current utility bill or account statement)

<u>For Iowa Residents.</u> You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. This office can be reached at:

Office of the Attorney General of Iowa Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50319 (515) 281-5164 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov

**For Maryland Residents.** You can obtain information from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General about steps you can take to avoid identity theft. You may contact the Maryland Attorney General at:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 (888) 743-0023 (toll-free in Maryland) (410) 576-6300 www.oag.state.md.us

<u>For New Mexico Residents.</u> You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</a> or <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf">www.ftc.gov</a>.

<u>For New York Residents.</u> You can obtain information from the New York State Office of the Attorney General about how to protect yourself from identity theft and tips on how to protect your privacy online. You can contact the New York State Office of the Attorney General at:

Office of the Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224-0341 1-800-771-7755 (toll-free) 1-800-788-9898 (TDD/TTY toll-free line) https://ag.ny.gov/

Bureau of Internet and Technology (BIT) 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 Phone: (212) 416-8433 https://ag.ny.gov/internet/resource-center

<u>For North Carolina Residents.</u> You can obtain information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office about preventing identity theft. You can contact the North Carolina Attorney General at:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 (877) 566-7226 (toll-free in North Carolina) (919) 716-6400 www.ncdoj.gov

For Oregon Residents. We encourage you to report suspected identity theft to the Oregon Attorney General at:

Oregon Department of Justice 1162 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4096 (877) 877-9392 (toll-free in Oregon) (503) 378-4400 http://www.doi.state.or.us

**For Rhode Island Residents.** You may obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General at:

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Unit 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 (401)-274-4400 http://www.riag.ri.gov

You have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. The consumer reporting agencies may require that you provide certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security number, date of birth, and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to honoring your request for a security freeze on your account.

<u>For Washington, D.C. Residents.</u> You may obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at:

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia 441 4th Street NW Suite 1100 South Washington, D.C. 20001 (202)-727-3400 <a href="https://oag.dc.gov/">https://oag.dc.gov/</a>