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**Enter your Activation Code: << Activation Code>> Enrollment Deadline: << Enrollment Deadline>>** 

# Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold

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### **Key Features**

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report
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- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft4

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# Additional information for residents of the following states:

**District of Columbia**: You may contact and obtain information from your attorney general at: Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 400 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, www.oag.dc.gov

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A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act: The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Your major rights under the FCRA are summarized below. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a> or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

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# Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:

**Fraud Alerts:** There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years.

To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

*Credit or Security Freezes:* You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

How do I place a freeze on my credit reports? There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

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You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.



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Parent or Guardian of
<<Full Name>>
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<<Date>>

## <<Variable Data 1>>

Dear Parent or Guardian of << Full Name>>,

We are writing to notify you that Pinnacle Bank ("Pinnacle") experienced a security incident that may have involved some of your child's information. This notice explains the incident, outlines the measures we have taken, and provides steps you can take in response.

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**What Information Was Involved?** While we have no evidence that your child's personal information was accessed, we determined on May 31, 2024, the account contained an email or attachment that included their information, including their <<Breached Elements>>.

What We Are Doing. Your confidence and trust are important to us, and we regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause. To further protect your child's information, we have implemented additional measures to enhance our existing security protocols.

What You Can Do. We wanted to let you know this happened and assure you that we take this seriously. For more information on additional steps you can take in response, please see the pages that follow this letter.

Questions and/or Concerns. We regret this incident occurred and apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call 888-244-3015 Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Pacific Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Sincerely,

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your child's account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity over the next 12 to 24 months. Parents or guardians may request a copy of their child's or ward's credit information by contacting the three credit reporting bureaus. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

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To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your child's credit report, or to lift a security freeze for a specified period of time, you must submit a request through a toll-free telephone number, a secure electronic means maintained by a credit reporting agency, or by sending a written request via regular, certified, or overnight mail to the credit reporting agencies and include proper identification (your child's name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze as well as the identity of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your child's credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have one hour after receiving your request by toll-free telephone or secure electronic means, or three business days after receiving your request by mail, to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

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What You Can Do. We wanted to let you know this happened and assure you that we take this seriously. For more information on Equifax's Child Monitoring Package, including instructions on how to activate your child's complimentary membership, as well as some additional steps you can take in response, please see the pages that follow this letter.

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Enter your Activation Code: <<Activation Code>>
Enrollment Deadline: <<Enrollment Deadline>>

# Equifax Child Monitoring Package (for Equifax Credit Watch<sup>TM</sup> Gold members)

## **Key Features**

- Child Monitoring for up to four children under the age of 18
- Emailed notifications of activity on the child's Equifax credit report

#### **Enrollment Instructions**

Parent/guardian, after completing your enrollment in Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold:

# Return to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code of <<Activation Code>> for Equifax Child Monitoring Package then click "Submit" and follow these additional steps.

### 1. Sign In:

Click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header.

Sign in with your email address and password you created when initially creating your account.

# 2. Checkout:

Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish your enrollment.

# You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment.

Click "View My Product" to access the product features and enroll minor children.

#### How to Add Minors to Your Equifax Child Monitoring Package

You will be able to add minors to your Equifax Child Monitoring Package through your product dashboard.

- 1. Sign in to your account to access the "Your People" module on your dashboard.
- 2. Click the link to "Add a Child"
- 3. From there, enter your child's first name, last name, date of birth and social security number. Repeat steps for each minor child (up to four)

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