



# 6 ways to protect your financial information

**Stay ahead of fraudsters with these six tips to keep your financial information safe:**

- 1. Secure physical financial documents.** Keep important documents in a safe location and make sure your credit and debit cards can't be easily taken. Shred unwanted documents that contain personal information.
- 2. Monitor and freeze your credit.** Use credit-monitoring tools such as Credit Karma to monitor your accounts and identify possible security breaches. If your information has been compromised, you can authorize a credit freeze through Experian, Equifax, and Transunion to ensure someone who has stolen your data can't open a line of credit in your name.
- 3. Set up a password manager.** There's no need to use the same password over and over again. A password manager can automatically create unique and tough-to-crack passwords for you.
- 4. Stay alert for phone scams and phishing attempts.** Never share personal or financial information on the phone, unless you initiated contact. Don't click on email or text links asking for personal information.
- 5. Lock your computer and phone.** Don't ever leave your computer or phone unattended where others can view your personal data.
- 6. Watch out for public WiFi.** The WiFi at the airport or your favorite shop isn't likely to have the same security level as a private, secure connection. Wait until you're able to log on to a more secure connection.



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