

Equifax Announces Security Breach

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Equifax, one of the nation's three main credit reporting agencies, has announced a "cybersecurity incident" that could potentially impact roughly 143 million U.S. consumers, according to a statement released on the company's website.

Equifax has set up [a specific website](#) to help consumers find out if their information has been exposed. The company says it is also sending notices in the mail to consumers whose credit card numbers and/or dispute documents were exposed.

In addition to the website, Equifax is also offering consumers the option to sign up for free credit file monitoring and identity theft protection — as part of its TrustedID Premier offering — which includes:

- 3-bureau credit monitoring of Equifax, Experian and TransUnion credit reports;
- Copies of Equifax credit reports;
- the ability to lock and unlock Equifax credit reports;
- identity theft insurance;
- and internet scanning for Social Security numbers.

The offer is completely free to U.S. consumers for one year.

The dedicated website also provides more information on ways consumers can protect their personal information, as well as ways to contact the company, including a dedicated call center that's open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. ET. That number is 866-447-7559.

For more information and insight from financial expert Clark Howard on this breach, please visit his website, [here](#).

For general information regarding how to protect yourself and your information, please visit our Security Center, [here](#).