

Fraud Alerts – How to Help Stop Identity Theft



A fraud alert informs creditors that you may be a victim of fraud and can make it harder for identity thieves to open accounts in your name.

A fraud alert is like a flag on your credit report that asks lenders to be more cautious or check your identity before approving new credit in your name.

How to Request a Fraud Alert

Call any of the Credit Reporting Agencies (CRAs) to place a fraud alert.

They are required to share your request with the other two companies. You will also receive confirmation letters from each agency with additional information.

- **Experian:** 888-397-3742 or <https://www.experian.com/help>
- **TransUnion:** 888-909-8872 or <https://www.transunion.com/credit-help>.
- **Equifax:** 888-378-4329 or <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services>

For additional assistance, visit the **Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC)** www.idtheftcenter.org