

## Protect yourself against the Equifax breach

In a recently revealed breach, 143 million Americans may have had their personal information exposed.

Equifax, one of the nation's three major credit reporting agencies, reported a massive data breach. Hackers were able to access people's names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and driver's license numbers. If you have any type of credit product such as a credit card or mortgage, there's a possibility your information is compromised.

Aurora Credit Union is ready to help by providing you with clear instructions on some steps you can take now.

### 1. Find out if your information was exposed

Visit [equifaxsecurity2017.com](http://equifaxsecurity2017.com) and click on the "Potential Impact" tab. Enter your last name along with the last six digits of your Social Security number to find out if you've been affected.

Since your SSN is sensitive information, complete this step only on a secure computer that uses an encrypted network connection. You'll also find easy access to frequently asked questions about the breach on the Equifax site.

### 2. Take advantage of free protective services

If you are an Aurora Credit Union member and find yourself a victim of identity theft, you're automatically eligible for unlimited personal assistance with our free Identity Theft Resolution Services. This includes one year of **free** fraud monitoring of 1,000 public record databases, plus one year of **free** credit monitoring. To learn more, please visit our [website](#) or call Member Services at 414-649-7949.

### 3. Place a credit freeze or a fraud alert on your files

If your information has been exposed, consider placing a credit freeze on your credit bureaus. This will make it more difficult for someone to open a new account in your name, though it won't stop a thief from making charges to your existing accounts. Alternatively, you can place a fraud alert on your files, warning creditors that you may have been victimized by identity theft.

### 4. File your taxes early

If your SSN was accessed in the Equifax breach, it's best to file your taxes as soon as you possibly can to avoid tax theft come tax time. Also, be sure to respond immediately to any letters you receive from the IRS.

### 5. Proactively prevent identity theft

Even if you weren't affected by the Equifax security breach, protect yourself against identity theft in the future. Aurora Credit Union members can enroll in Proactive Identity Credit Monitoring Services for just \$35 a year. [Learn more](#).