

Consider adding an extended fraud alert or credit freeze.

Extended fraud alerts and credit freezes can help prevent further misuse of your personal Information. There are important differences. This chart can help you decide which might be right for you.

| An Extended Fraud Alert | A Credit Freeze |
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| Lets you have access to your credit report as long as companies take steps to verify your identity | Restricts access to your credit report unless you lift or remove the freeze |
| Free to place and remove. Available If someone stole your Identity. | Free to place and remove. Available to anyone. |
| Lasts for seven years | Lasts until you lift or remove |
| Set it by contacting one credit bureau. That one must notify the other two. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Report that someone stole your identity◦ Request an extended fraud alert◦ Complete any necessary forms and send a copy of your Identity Theft Report | Set it by contacting each of the three credit bureaus. |
| <p>Experian.com/help 888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)</p> <p>TransUnion.com/credit-help 888-909-8872</p> <p>Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services 800-685-1111</p> <p>Get updates at IdentityTheft.gov/creditbureaucontacts.</p> | |