

Freezing Your Credit Report Phone Numbers



Tasks - Date Due	Date	Action

Tips to Protect Your Credit:

Freeze Credit - Credit Bureau Contacts

Contact the national credit bureau's to request fraud alerts, credit freezes (also known as security freezes), and opt outs from pre-screened credit offers.

Equifax 800-685-1111 Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services	Experian (888-397-3742) Experian.com/help	TransUnion 888-909-8872 TransUnion.com/credit-help
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More tips to help protect a deceased persons identify can also be found on the [IDTheftCenter.org](https://wwwidtheftcenter.org) website, type "deceased" in the search box.

Note For Deceased Taxpayers – Protecting the Deceased's Identity from ID Theft

- Send the IRS a copy of the death certificate, this is used to flag the account to reflect that the person is deceased. The death certificate may be sent to the Campus where the decedent would normally file their tax return (for addresses see Where to File Paper Tax Returns www.irs.gov). A copy of the death certificate may also be sent with the decedent's final tax return.
- Send copies of the death certificate to each credit reporting bureau asking them to put a "deceased alert" on the deceased's credit report
- Review the deceased's credit report for questionable credit card activity
- Avoid putting too much information in an obituary, such as birth date, address, mother's maiden name or other personally identifying information that could be useful to identity thieves

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