# **PROTECT YOUR** PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Hacking and identity theft affect millions of people every year. Protect your personal data and financial information by following these

### **MONITOR YOUR FINANCES**

- Review your financial statements and accounts regularly.
- Set up account alerts to inform you about recent transactions.
- Request a free credit report from a different credit bureau once every four months at annualcreditreport.com.

### PROTECT YOUR PASSWORDS



- passwords/PINs on your computer or
- Don't share passwords with friends.
- Create strong PINs and passwords and change them regularly.

#### **GET A SECURITY FREEZE**

 Place a free security freeze on your credit to prevent identity thieves from opening accounts or getting credit in your name.

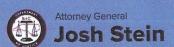
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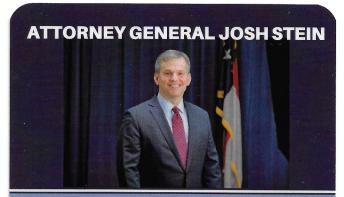


## **PROTECT YOUR** PERSONAL INFORMATION



- Don't give your financial account information or Social Security number to anyone you don't know.
- Shred any documents that include that information.





Attorney General Josh Stein and the North Carolina Department of Justice work to protect the people of North Carolina.

To learn more about identity theft: ncdoi.gov/identitytheft 1-877-5-NO-SCAM

To request a free credit report: annualcreditreport.com

To learn more about how to place a security freeze:

ncdoj.gov/securityfreeze

To request an NCDOJ presentation on data security and ID theft for your organization: ncdoj.gov/outreach



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