

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Equifax Data Breach

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On September 7th, 2017 Equifax Inc., one of the three largest U.S. credit reporting agencies, announced a data breach potentially impacting up to 143 million U.S. consumers. Equifax announced that criminals exploited a website vulnerability as early as mid-May 2017, gaining access to certain files containing consumer data.

The information obtained by unauthorized parties included names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, and in some cases, driver's license numbers. Approximately 209,000 U.S. consumers' credit card numbers were also compromised as well as additional personal identifying information for approximately 182,000 U.S. consumers who had filed credit reporting disputes. This stolen information can potentially be used for identity theft and fraud.

**Although this is not a Catskill Hudson Bank data breach**, as always, we encourage you to closely monitor the activity on your accounts with the Bank for any unauthorized or suspicious activity.

For additional information regarding the cybersecurity incident you may want to visit **Equifax.com**. You can also place a temporary or permanent security freeze on your credit files at all three credit bureaus: Equifax – [click here](#) or call 800.685.1111; Experian – [click here](#) or call 888.397.3742; Transunion – [click here](#).

In addition [the Federal Trade Commission \(www.ftc.gov\)](http://www.ftc.gov) has posted a [helpful article that discusses how to find out if your information was exposed in the Equifax data breach and what to do in the event that it was.](#)