

## Equifax Breach – Key Steps in Protecting Yourself

Equifax, one of the largest credit reporting agencies in the nation, announced yesterday that it suffered a major cyber breach. The breach is currently estimated to affect approximately 143 million personal records, nearly half the population of the United States.

To identify if you are part of the breach, Equifax has provided a website. Further, they are offering free credit monitoring. The website to check to find out if you are part of the breach is as follows: [Breach Check](#).

If you elect to use their credit monitoring service, you will notice that the enrollment will not start until next week. In the interim, closely monitor your accounts.

To further protect yourself, it may be worth considering placing a credit freeze on your credit records. A credit freeze is a tool that lets you restrict access to your **credit** report, making it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name.

To establish a credit freeze, you need to visit each one of the three credit reporting agencies and follow the steps. For your convenience, the links are below:

- [Experian](#)
- [Transunion](#)
- [Equifax](#)

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