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PROTECT YOURSELF WHILE BANKING ONLINE

The Internet offers the potential for safe, convenient ways to shop for financial services and conduct banking business, any day, any time. However, safe online banking involves making good choices – decisions that will help you avoid costly surprises or even scams.

Help Keep Your Account Information Secure

- Use a strong password. Experts advise a combination of letters and numbers and caution you not to use easily guessed passwords, such as birthdays or home addresses. Your password should be unique to you, and you should change it regularly.
- Keep it to yourself. Don't share your password or any personal information online with any person or company you do not know. Don't use auto-fill or "remember me" features.
- Avoid fraudulent websites. When conducting financial transactions online look for a lock icon on the browser's status bar and a website URL that begins "https:" (the "s" stands for "secure").
- Use anti-virus and firewall protection. Install anti-virus software to prevent viruses, and anti-spam software to help prevent spam and junk mail from entering your inbox. Install a firewall to help prevent unauthorized access to your computer. Install spyware software to block the installation of spyware on your computer. Spyware can monitor or control your computer use, and send you pop-ups or redirect you to websites.
- Keep your computer operating system current. Install security updates regularly or configure your operating system to automatically check for new updates.
- Use a secure computer. Avoid using shared computers, such as those in libraries or workplaces, to access your account. Always log off and close your browser when you are finished with your transactions.
- Avoid downloading from unknown sources. Downloads from unfamiliar sources may have hidden programs or viruses that can affect your computer's security.
- Disconnect from the Internet when not in use. DSL and high-speed cable provide a constant connection between your computer and the Internet. Disconnect the Internet to avoid unwanted access to the information on your computer.

Remember – Be Safe Online

Don't click on links in an unsolicited email or share personal information online with a company or person you don't know. If you think your online banking password may have been compromised, contact us immediately to get it changed.



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