

# Avoiding Checking Account Fraud

## Tips to help avoid checking account fraud:

- Avoid paying unknown businesses or private individuals you do not know with personal checks.
- Order checks with security features such as anti-altering technology.
- Write checks with a gel pen, which prevents scammers from removing what you write to create a blank check.
- Keep your checkbook and ATM card in a secure place.
- Memorize the PIN code to your ATM card. Do not keep your PIN numbers in your checkbook or wallet where a thief can easily find it.
- Thoroughly review all bank statements and similar documents for unauthorized activity.
- If you notice an unauthorized charge to your checking account, report it to your bank as soon as possible.
- Use a cross-cut shredder to shred billing statements or similar documents before throwing them away.
- Do not mail bills from an unsecured site, such as an unlocked mailbox.
- Never write an entire account number in the memo box of your check.



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