

## CHECK FRAUD

Following the holiday season, we want to make you aware of an increase in check fraud that often occurs after periods of heightened financial activity. With many checks written, mailed, and processed during the holidays, fraudsters may attempt unauthorized or altered transactions once the season has passed. We are sharing this information to help you stay informed and take steps to protect your account.

Your security is important to us, and we encourage you to take the following steps to help protect your account:

### How to Reduce Your Risk

-  Review your bank statements and transaction activity regularly.
-  Report any unfamiliar or suspicious transactions immediately.
-  Avoid leaving blank spaces on checks; write clearly and use permanent ink.
-  Do not share account or check images through email, text messages, or social media.
-  Store checks securely and shred unused or voided checks.
-  Be cautious of unexpected payments, overpayments, or requests to return funds.

### What to Do If You Suspect Fraud

-  If you notice anything unusual or believe you may be a victim of check fraud, contact us right away so we can help protect your account and take appropriate action.

We appreciate your continued trust. Staying informed and vigilant is one of the best ways to prevent fraud.