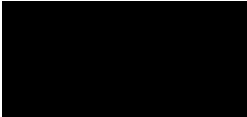




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To Enroll, Please Call: 1-800-939-4170

Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

Enrollment Code:

September 29, 2023

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY**

Dear Margot:

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Sweet & Associates PC. We are writing with important information regarding a recent data security incident that involved some of your information. We want to provide you with information about the incident, inform you about the services we are providing to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your information.

What Happened?

We recently learned that an unauthorized individual obtained access to one Sweet & Associates PC employee email account.

What We Are Doing.

Upon learning of this issue, we immediately began efforts to remediate the issue and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation. As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. After an extensive forensic investigation and manual document review, we discovered on August 31, 2023 that the impacted email account that was accessed on April 17, 2023 contained some of your personal information.

What Information Was Involved?

The impacted email account contained some of your personal information, specifically your

What You Can Do.

We have no evidence that any of your information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident. To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership in identity theft protection services through IDX, the

data breach and recovery services provider. IDX identity protection services include: 12 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. For more information on identity theft prevention and IDX identity protection services including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We remain fully committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

**If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED].**

Sincerely,

Sweet & Associates, P.C.

Sweet & Associates PC

– OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION –

1. Enrolling in Complimentary 12-Month Credit Monitoring.

Go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Please note that the enrollment deadline is [REDACTED]

Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.

2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 12-month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one (1) year “fraud alert” on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>
(800) 525-6285

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion LLC

Fraud Victim Assistance
Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>
(800) 680-7289

3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a “security freeze” be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>
(800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
<http://experian.com/freeze>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you’ll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

4. **Obtaining a Free Credit Report.**

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

5. **Additional Helpful Resources.**

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name, or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

Iowa Residents: You may contact law enforcement, such as the Iowa Attorney General's Office, to report incidents of identity theft. You can contact the Iowa Attorney General at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319; <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/>; (515) 281-5044.

6. **Reporting Identity Fraud to the IRS.**

If you believe that you are a victim of identity fraud AND it is affecting your federal tax records (or may affect them at some time in the future), it is recommended that you do the following:

- **File an Identity Theft Affidavit (Form 14039) with the IRS (the form can be downloaded at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fl14039.pdf>)**
 - This form gets mailed or faxed to the IRS: Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA 93888-0025; 855-807-5720
 - ***Please note that this form should be used only if your Social Security number has been compromised and the IRS has informed you that you may be a victim of tax-related identity fraud or your e-file return was rejected as a duplicate.**
- Call the IRS at (800) 908-4490, ext. 245 to report the situation (the unit office is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm ET); and/or
- You may call or visit your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Please bring this notice with you.

Additional information regarding preventing tax-related identity theft can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Identity-Protection>. For further information and guidance from the IRS about tax-related identity theft, please visit: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft> (Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft) and <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5027.pdf> (IRS Publication 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers).

7. Reporting Identity Fraud to the Social Security Administration.

If you believe that you are a victim of identity fraud AND it is affecting your Social Security account or records, you may contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or visit https://secure.ssa.gov/acu/IPS_INTR/blockaccess to block electronic access to your Social Security record. You also may review earnings posted to your record on your Social Security Statement on www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

- The Social Security Administration has published Identity Theft and Your Social Security Number at: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf>. This publication provides additional information on the potential impact of identity theft to your Social Security number and what actions you should take.