

Greetings, Dakota Western Bank customers:

You have likely heard about the recent Equifax data breach, as this unfortunate event affects approximately 44% of Americans. Equifax was compromised and the personal information of approximately 143 million consumers was stolen.

Equifax has set up a special website to provide updated information to consumers: <https://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com/>

In addition, Equifax is suggesting you take the following steps to protect yourself:

- Check if you are affected and regardless, enroll in the free identify protection offered by Equifax: <https://trustedidpremier.com/eligibility/eligibility.html>
- Monitor your bank account for fraudulent activity
- Obtain and monitor your credit report
- Consider placing a “fraud alert” on your credit report: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0275-place-fraud-alert>
- Consider placing a “credit freeze” on your credit report: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0497-credit-freeze-faqs>

Please contact Equifax for specific questions about the Equifax breach and its effect on your information. Equifax has set up a dedicated call center, which you can contact at 866-447-7559. If you have other questions, please contact us at the following telephone numbers or stop by a convenient branch location.

Bowman-North Branch	701.523.5616	Bowman-South Branch	701.523.5803
Hettinger Branch	701.567.4511	Scranton Branch	701.275.6300

The above-mentioned recommendations are provided for you to take the proper measures to reduce your risk of fraud and identity theft. These recommendations will not only help in the Equifax breach but with other unauthorized use of your accounts or personal information.

Thank you.

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