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December 8, 2023

## **CONFIDENTIAL VIA EMAIL**

Iowa Consumer Protection Division  
consumer@ag.iowa.gov

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

To the Iowa Consumer Protection Division:

We are writing on behalf of Americold Logistics LLC (“Americold”) to notify you of a data security incident. On April 26, 2023, Americold became aware of a cybersecurity incident that involved the deployment of malware on certain systems. Upon discovery, Americold engaged outside counsel, which launched a forensic investigation with the assistance of a leading cybersecurity firm and reported the matter to law enforcement. Americold subsequently determined that, on April 26, 2023, an unauthorized party was able to remove some data from the network. Based on the comprehensive data analysis that was performed and ultimately completed on November 8, 2023, Americold was able to determine what information was affected and to whom the information related.

The personal information involved may have included name, date of birth, address, Social Security number, driver’s license/state ID number, passport number, financial account information (e.g., bank account number, credit card number) but did not include password, security code, or other access code required to access that account, and employment-related health insurance and medical information. Please note that not all data elements were involved for all individuals.

Americold takes the protection of personal information seriously. As soon as Americold discovered the incident, it immediately launched a forensic investigation, took steps to mitigate and remediate the incident and to help prevent further unauthorized activity, and contacted law enforcement. Americold has and continues to enhance its security controls as appropriate to minimize the risk of any similar event in the future.

Free credit monitoring services for 24 months are being offered to the approximately 3,706 Iowa residents whose personal information may have been involved. Please note that due to the ongoing nature of the review, 122 of the 3,706 affected Iowa residents were identified on August 23, 2023 and mailed written notice on September 11, 2023. The remaining 3,584 residents were identified on November 8, 2023, and are being sent notice on December 8, 2023 by first class mail in accordance with notification requirements under state law. Copies of the notification letters are attached to this letter.

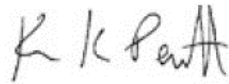
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If you have any questions regarding this incident or if you desire further information or assistance, please email me at [Kimberly.Peretti@alston.com](mailto:Kimberly.Peretti@alston.com) or call my direct line at (202) 239-3720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Peretti". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Kimberly Peretti

Enclosures



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December 8, 2023

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### **Notice of Data Breach**

Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>:

Americold Logistics LLC (“Americold”) is writing to inform you of a data security incident that occurred and may have involved your personal information. You are receiving this letter as a current or former employee of Americold or their dependent. This letter provides information about the incident and resources available to you.

#### **What happened?**

On April 26, 2023, Americold became aware of a cybersecurity incident that involved the deployment of malware on certain systems. Upon discovery, Americold engaged outside counsel, which launched a forensic investigation with the assistance of a leading cybersecurity firm and reported the matter to law enforcement. Americold subsequently determined that, on April 26, 2023, an unauthorized party was able to remove some data from the network. Based on the comprehensive data analysis that was performed and ultimately completed on November 8, 2023, we were able to determine what information was affected and to whom the information related. As a result of this review, it appears that some of your personal information may have been involved. <<b2b\_text\_1(state-specific language)>>

#### **What information may have been involved?**

The personal information involved may have included name, address, Social Security number, driver’s license/state ID number, passport number, financial account information (e.g., bank account number, credit card number), and employment-related health insurance and medical information. Please note that not all data elements were involved for all individuals.

#### **What we are doing.**

Americold takes the protection of personal information seriously. As soon as we discovered the incident, we immediately launched a forensic investigation, took steps to mitigate and remediate the incident and to help prevent further unauthorized activity, and contacted law enforcement. We have and continue to enhance our security controls as appropriate to minimize the risk of any similar event in the future.

As a precaution, we have arranged to offer you complimentary identity monitoring services for a period of two years, at no cost to you. Please see the attached Reference Guide for activation instructions. While these services are complimentary, you have until <<b2b\_text\_6(activation deadline)>> to activate these services, and instructions on how to activate these services are included in the enclosed Reference Guide. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

#### **What you can do.**

In addition to activating the complimentary identity monitoring services, the enclosed Reference Guide includes additional information on general steps you can take to monitor and help protect your personal information. We encourage you to remain vigilant over the next twelve to twenty-four months against potential identity theft and fraud by carefully reviewing credit reports and account statements to ensure that all activity is valid.

**For more information.**

If you have any questions about this matter or would like additional information, please refer to the enclosed Reference Guide or call toll-free (866) 983-5987. This call center is open from Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

We regret that this incident occurred and apologize for any inconvenience it may cause you.

Sincerely,

The Americold Team

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

To help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this incident, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for two years. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until <<b2b\_text\_6(activation deadline)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s\_n>>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit [info.krollmonitoring.com](http://info.krollmonitoring.com).

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.



You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

### **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring**

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

### **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

### **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

## **Reference Guide**

### **Review Your Account Statements**

Carefully review account statements and credit reports to ensure that all of your account activity is valid. Report any questionable charges promptly to the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained.

### **Order Your Free Credit Report**

To order your free annual credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three credit bureaus provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

Upon receiving your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you have not requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names; the credit bureau will be able to tell if this is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in information (such as home address and Social Security Number).

If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit bureau at the telephone number on the report. Errors may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate credit bureau by telephone and in writing. Information that cannot be explained should also be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

### **Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission**

If you detect any unauthorized transactions in any of your financial accounts, promptly notify the appropriate payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incidents of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the matter to your local law enforcement authorities, state Attorney General and the FTC.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft by using the contact information below:

Federal Trade Commission  
Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)  
[www.ftc.gov/idtheft/](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/)

### **Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File**

To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a credit grantor checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the credit grantor gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the credit grantor to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free fraud numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows flagging of your file with a fraud alert at all three credit bureaus.

Equifax	P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348	1-888-766-0008	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
Experian	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
TransUnion	P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016	1-800-680-7289	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

## Security Freezes

You have the right to request a credit freeze from a consumer reporting agency, free of charge, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a security freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit.

Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit bureau. To place a security freeze on your credit report you must contact the credit reporting agency by phone, mail, or secure electronic means and provide proper identification of your identity. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

Below, please find relevant contact information for the three consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze	P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348	1-800-685-1111	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
Experian Security Freeze	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
TransUnion	P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	1-888-909-8872	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

Once you have submitted your request, the credit reporting agency must place the security freeze no later than 1 business day after receiving a request by phone or secure electronic means, and no later than 3 business days after receiving a request by mail. No later than five business days after placing the security freeze, the credit reporting agency will send you confirmation and information on how you can remove the freeze in the future.

### For Resident of the District of Columbia

Call our Consumer Protection Hotline at: (202) 442-9828. Our office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Email us at: [consumer.protection@dc.gov](mailto:consumer.protection@dc.gov).

### For Residents of Iowa

You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. The Iowa Attorney General's Office can be reached at:

Iowa Attorney General's Office, Director of Consumer Protection Division, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, 1-515-281-5926, [www.iowsattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowsattorneygeneral.gov).

### For Residents of Maryland

You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

### For Residents of New Mexico

New Mexico consumers have the right to obtain a security freeze or submit a declaration of removal.

You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your credit report without your express authorization or approval.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- (1) the unique personal identification number, password or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) information regarding the third-party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of pre-screening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

#### **For Residents of New York**

You may also obtain information about security breach response and identity theft prevention and protection from the New York Attorney General's Office:

Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, [www.ag.ny.gov](http://www.ag.ny.gov).

#### **For Residents of North Carolina**

You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-919-716-6000, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

#### **For Residents of Oregon**

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission. Contact information for the Oregon Department of Justice is as follows:

Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301, 1-877-877-9392, [www.doj.state.or.us](http://www.doj.state.or.us).

#### **For Residents of Rhode Island**

You have a right to file or obtain a police report related to this incident. You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General:

Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI, 02903, 1-401-274-4400, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov).





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Atlanta, GA 30328

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December 8, 2023

Parent or Legal Guardian of:

<<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>  
<<address\_1>>  
<<address\_2>>  
<<city>>, <<state\_province>> <<postal\_code>>  
<<country>>

### **Notice of Data Breach**

To the Parent or Legal Guardian of <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>:

Americold Logistics LLC (“Americold”) is writing to inform you of a data security incident that occurred and may have involved your child’s personal information. You are receiving this letter as a current or former employee of Americold with a child dependent. This letter provides information about the incident and resources available to your child.

#### **What happened?**

On April 26, 2023, Americold became aware of a cybersecurity incident that involved the deployment of malware on certain systems. Upon discovery, Americold engaged outside counsel, which launched a forensic investigation with the assistance of a leading cybersecurity firm and reported the matter to law enforcement. Americold subsequently determined that, on April 26, 2023, an unauthorized party was able to remove some data from the network. Based on the comprehensive data analysis that was performed and ultimately completed on November 8, 2023, we were able to determine what information was affected and to whom the information related. As a result of this review, it appears that some of your child’s personal information may have been involved. <<b2b\_text\_1(state-specific language)>>

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#### **What we are doing.**

Americold takes the protection of personal information seriously. As soon as we discovered the incident, we immediately launched a forensic investigation, took steps to mitigate and remediate the incident and to help prevent further unauthorized activity, and contacted law enforcement. In response to this incident, we have and continue to enhance our security controls as appropriate to minimize the risk of any similar event in the future.

As a precaution, we have arranged to offer your child complimentary Minor Identity Monitoring services for a period of two years, at no cost to you. Please see the attached Reference Guide for activation instructions. While these services are complimentary, you have until <<b2b\_text\_6(activation deadline)>> to activate these services, and instructions on how to activate these services are included in the enclosed Reference Guide.

#### **What you can do.**

In addition to activating the complimentary Minor Identity Monitoring services, the enclosed Reference Guide includes additional information on general steps you can take to monitor and help protect your child’s personal information. We encourage you to remain vigilant over the next twelve to twenty-four months against potential identity theft and fraud by carefully reviewing credit reports and account statements to ensure that all activity is valid.

**For more information.**

If you have any questions about this matter or would like additional information, please refer to the enclosed Reference Guide or call toll-free (866) 983-5987. This call center is open from Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

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Sincerely,

The Americold Team

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

To help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this incident, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide Minor Identity Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration at no cost to you for two years. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data.

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your Minor Identity Monitoring services.

You have until <<b2b\_text\_6(activation deadline)>> to activate your Minor Identity Monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s\_n>>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit [info.krollmonitoring.com](http://info.krollmonitoring.com).

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.



You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

### Minor Identity Monitoring

Minor Identity Monitoring detects when names, addresses, and credit information is associated with your child's Social Security number. An alert will be sent to you when activity is detected. The presence of a credit file may be an indicator of identity theft or fraud for children who, as minors, should not have a credit history.

### Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

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To activate services, a U.S. Social Security number and U.S. residential address is required.

## **Reference Guide**

### **Review Your Account Statements**

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### **For Residents of Iowa**

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Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

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Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, [www.ag.ny.gov](http://www.ag.ny.gov).

### **For Residents of North Carolina**

You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-919-716-6000, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

**For Residents of Oregon**

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, as well as the Federal Trade Commission. Contact information for the Oregon Department of Justice is as follows:

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Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI, 02903, 1-401-274-4400, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov).



To Enroll, Please Call:  
1-866-904-6214  
Or Visit:  
<https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>  
Enrollment Code: ABCDEFGHI

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September 11, 2023

### **Notice of Data Breach**

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Americold Logistics LLC (“Americold”) is writing to inform you of a data security incident that occurred and may have involved your personal information. You are receiving this letter as a former employee of Americold. This letter provides information about the incident and resources available to you.

#### **What happened?**

On April 26, 2023, Americold became aware of a cybersecurity incident that involved the deployment of malware on certain systems. Upon discovery, Americold immediately launched a forensic investigation with the assistance of a leading cybersecurity firm and reported the matter to law enforcement. Americold subsequently determined that, on April 26, 2023, an unauthorized party was able to remove some data from the network. While Americold continues to perform a comprehensive review to determine what information was affected, it identified in its initial review on August 3, 2023, that a subset of the impacted information contained personal information. On August 23, 2023, Americold completed its validation of the impacted individuals and their mailing addresses for this initial dataset. As a result of this initial review, it appears your personal information may have been involved. <<The data of seven (7) Rhode Island residents may have been impacted.>>

#### **What information may have been involved?**

The employee information involved may have included: name and Social Security number.

#### **What we are doing.**

Americold takes the protection of personal information seriously. As soon as we discovered the incident, we immediately launched a forensic investigation, took steps to mitigate and remediate the incident and to help prevent further unauthorized activity, and contacted law enforcement. We have and continue to enhance our security controls as appropriate to minimize the risk of any similar event in the future.

As a precaution, we have arranged to offer you complimentary identity theft protection and credit monitoring services for a period of two years, at no cost to you. Please see the attached Reference Guide for enrollment details. While these services are complimentary, you have until December 31, 2023, to activate these services, and instructions on how to enroll in these services are included in the enclosed Reference Guide.

#### **What you can do.**

In addition to enrolling in complimentary credit monitoring services, the enclosed Reference Guide includes additional information on general steps you can take to monitor and protect your personal information. We encourage you to remain vigilant over the next twelve to twenty-four months against potential identity theft and fraud by carefully reviewing credit reports and account statements to ensure that all activity is valid.

**For more information.**

If you have any questions about this matter or would like additional information, please refer to the enclosed Reference Guide or call toll-free 1-866-904-6214. This call center is open from Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (ET) or Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET) (excluding major U.S. holidays).

We regret that this incident occurred and apologize for any inconvenience it may cause you.

Sincerely,

The Americold Team



## **Reference Guide**

### **Review Your Account Statements**

Carefully review account statements and credit reports to ensure that all of your account activity is valid. Report any questionable charges promptly to the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained.

### **Order Your Free Credit Report**

To order your free annual credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three credit bureaus provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

Upon receiving your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you have not requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names; the credit bureau will be able to tell if this is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in information (such as home address and Social Security Number).

If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit bureau at the telephone number on the report. Errors may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate credit bureau by telephone and in writing. Information that cannot be explained should also be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

### **How to Enroll in Free Credit Monitoring and Identity Restoration Services with Experian IdentityWorks**

We encourage you to contact Experian with any questions at 1-866-904-6214 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (ET) or Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET) (excluding major U.S. holidays), and to enroll in free IdentityWorks services by going to <https://www.experianidworks.com/credit> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. Please note that the deadline to enroll is December 31, 2023.

We encourage you to take advantage of these protections and remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft, including regularly reviewing and monitoring your credit reports and account statements.

### **Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission**

If you detect any unauthorized transactions in any of your financial accounts, promptly notify the appropriate payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incidents of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the matter to your local law enforcement authorities, state Attorney General and the FTC.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft by using the contact information below:

Federal Trade Commission  
Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)  
[www.ftc.gov/idtheft/](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/)

## Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File

To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a credit grantor checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the credit grantor gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the credit grantor to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free fraud numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows flagging of your file with a fraud alert at all three credit bureaus.

Equifax	P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348	1-888-766-0008	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
Experian	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
TransUnion	P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016	1-800-680-7289	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

## Security Freezes

You have the right to request a credit freeze from a consumer reporting agency, free of charge, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a security freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit.

Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit bureau. To place a security freeze on your credit report you must contact the credit reporting agency by phone, mail, or secure electronic means and provide proper identification of your identity. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

Below, please find relevant contact information for the three consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze	P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348	1-800-685-1111	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
Experian Security Freeze	P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
TransUnion	P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	1-888-909-8872	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

Once you have submitted your request, the credit reporting agency must place the security freeze no later than 1 business day after receiving a request by phone or secure electronic means, and no later than 3 business days after receiving a request by mail. No later than five business days after placing the security freeze, the credit reporting agency will send you confirmation and information on how you can remove the freeze in the future.

### **For Residents of Iowa**

You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. The Iowa Attorney General's Office can be reached at:

Iowa Attorney General's Office, Director of Consumer Protection Division, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, 1-515-281-5926, [www.iowsattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowsattorneygeneral.gov).

### **For Residents of Maryland**

You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

### **For Residents of New York**

You may also obtain information about security breach response and identity theft prevention and protection from the New York Attorney General's Office:

Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, [www.ag.ny.gov](http://www.ag.ny.gov).

### **For Residents of North Carolina**

You may also obtain information about preventing and avoiding identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-919-716-6000, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

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