

**NOTICE OF DATA EVENT**  
**Updated as of December 5, 2023**

**ABOUT THE DATA EVENT**

Ben E. Keith Company is providing notice of an event that may affect the privacy of certain personal information. We take this event seriously and would like to share information about the event, our response, and resources available to help protect information.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What Happened?** On or around March 14, 2023, Ben E. Keith became aware of unusual activity on its computer network. Ben E. Keith quickly began an investigation into the incident. Through the investigation, Ben E. Keith determined that an unauthorized actor did access a limited portion of Ben E. Keith's network and between March 3, 2023 and March 5, 2023 certain files and folders were impacted. We quickly began a thorough and time-intensive review these potentially at-risk files and folders to determine their content, and whom they related for purposes of notification. Following the review, Ben E. Keith then performed an additional review to identify address information for impacted individuals in order to provide notice of the event.

**What Information Was Involved?** While the specific data varies by individual, the affected information may include name, contact information, Social Security number, Driver's License or State Identification number, financial account information, health insurance information and medical information.

**What We Are Doing.** We take this event and the obligation to safeguard the information in our care very seriously. Upon discovery, we promptly commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope of this event. This investigation and response included confirming the security of our systems, reinforcing our existing security posture, reviewing the contents of relevant data for sensitive information, and notifying potentially affected individuals associated with that sensitive information. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of personal information in our care, we are reviewing our policies procedures and processes related to data protection and security. We have reported this event to federal law enforcement, and also applicable regulatory authorities, as required by law.

Ben E. Keith also mailed notices with more information about the event to those individuals for whom it has address information and, as an added precaution, is providing individuals with credit monitoring and identity theft protection services at no cost. Information on the services and instructions on how to enroll in these services is included in the letter mailed to individuals.

**What You Can Do.** We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. You may also review the information contained in the *Steps Individuals Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information* below.

**For More Information.** If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact our dedicated assistance line at 888-562-4169, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). You may also write to Ben E. Keith Company at Attn: Cindy Park, 601 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

## Steps Individuals Can Take to Protect Their Personal Information

### 1. Request a Free Credit Report

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

### 2. Place a “Fraud Alert” on your Credit File

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

### 3. Place a “Credit Freeze” on a Credit Report

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer’s express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer’s name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver’s license or ID card, etc.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

| Equifax   | Experian  | TransUnion  |
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| <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/</a> | <a href="https://www.experian.com/help/">https://www.experian.com/help/</a> | <a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-help">https://www.transunion.com/credit-help</a> |

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| 1-888-298-0045   | 1-888-397-3742  | 1-800-916-8800   |
| Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069<br>Atlanta, GA 30348-5069   | Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box<br>9554, Allen, TX 75013   | TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box<br>2000, Chester, PA 19016  |
| Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788<br>Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 | Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box<br>9554, Allen, TX 75013 | TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box<br>160, Woodlyn, PA 19094 |

#### 4. Obtain an Internal Revenue Service Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)

You may also obtain an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the Internal Revenue Service, a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS, and helps the IRS verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. Even though you may not have a filing requirement, an IP PIN still protects your account. If you do not already have an IP PIN, you may get an IP PIN as a proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft either online, by paper application or in-person. Information about the IP PIN program can be found here: <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>.

#### Additional Information

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov); 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For District of Columbia residents*, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400; and [oag.dc.gov](http://oag.dc.gov).

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

*For New Mexico residents*, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from

violators. Consumers may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage consumers to review their rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf), or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov>.

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov); and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, individuals have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event. There are approximately 2 Rhode Island residents that may be impacted by this event.