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How to report credit card fraud

Even very cautious busineses might still end up as victims of credit card fraud.

Find out how to report credit card fraud if you ever experience it.



What do I do to report credit card fraud?

Credit card fraud prevention is essential no matter whether you're an individual or a business. Unfortunately, while precautionary measures can

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If you misplace your credit card or notice any unfamiliar charges on your statement, these are the steps you need to take to report credit card fraud and get the issue resolved as quickly as possible.

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Report any lost or stolen cards straight away

A common way that criminals conduct credit card fraud is by using lost or stolen cards. It's essential to act fast if you're ever unable to locate your credit card.

Many banks and credit card companies allow you to place a temporary freeze on your card if you have misplaced it. This can be a useful option to give you time to search for a credit card if you haven't spotted any suspicious activity on your online banking. Then, if you find your card, you won't have to go through the cancellation process.

If you're unable to locate your card after a while, or notice unfamiliar charges online, contact your bank or credit card provider to cancel it as soon as possible.

Set up a fraud alert with credit bureaus

Call one of the three national credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax, or TransUnion. Request a fraud alert on your credit report to receive notifications for when someone requests to make account changes, or if they attempt to create new ones in your name.

You only need to contact one of the three credit bureaus, as within 24 hours, a notification of your request will circulate between all three of them.

The credit bureau can also provide you with a copy of your credit report, which you can review in detail for any further signs of fraudulent activity.

File a local police report right away

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Submit a complaint to the Federal Trade Commission

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If you've fallen victim to identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) can provide you with support, information, and a personal recovery plan. It can also refer your complaint to the relevant agencies and investigate any companies that may have violated the law.

Update your security details

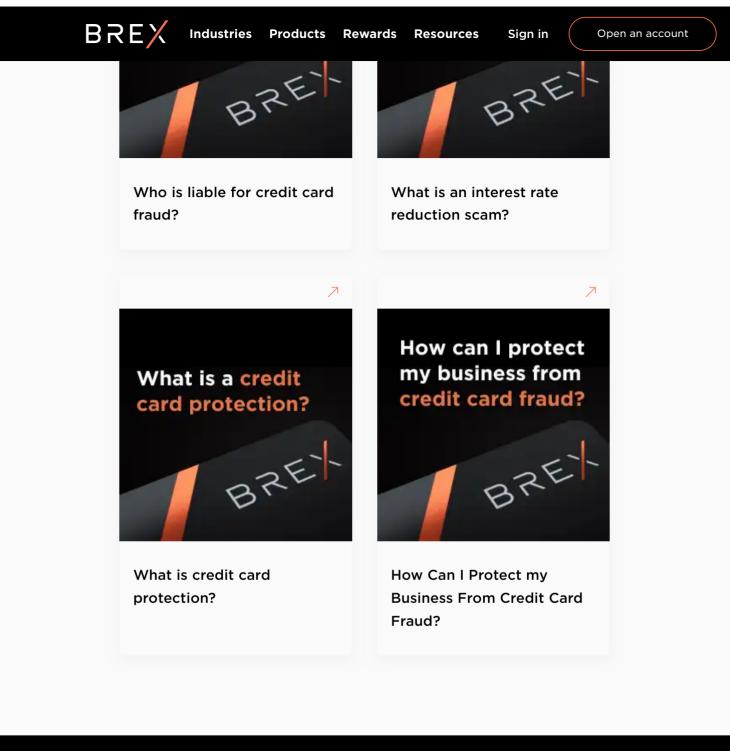
It's crucial that you make sure you don't remain vulnerable to credit card fraud. Make sure to update any PINs, passwords, or security login details that could have fallen into the hands of criminals.

If you're using online banking, choose a unique password that cannot be easily guessed and change it regularly. You can use password manager tools like LastPass or 1Password to keep track of multiple unique, complex passwords.

Consider taking advantage of advanced identity verification methods, such as fingerprint scanners and voice verification, as well as updating your antivirus and spyware protection software.

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