

- d. How did you obtain my contact information?
 - e. What is the phone number that I can use to call you? (No phone number, no data!)
 - f. Can you use a different identifier?
 - g. Can you use just the last four digits of my child's SSN?
 - h. How will it be shared? Never email an SSN and only submit on a platform you are sure is secure.¹
6. Protect your child's digital information
- a. Stop and consider how much much identifiable information you are posting about your child. If a bad actor targets your child, public and breached information can be combined and might make your child more susceptible to identity theft or other crimes.
 - b. Use strong passwords: the longer a password is, the harder it is to guess. Consider a third-party password generator that creates passwords for you. Search for "password generator" in your internet browser to find options that are free and easy-to-use.
 - c. Use multi-factor authentication when possible.
 - d. Be vigilant: be on the lookout for phishing and social engineering, including scams that use your child's voice, image or other information that appears personal and is intended to gain your trust.
 - e. Update software and apps you use, and delete the ones you don't.
 - f. Avoid saving important information in notes, texts, or images.
7. Protect paperwork with sensitive information
- a. Store important information in a lockable cabinet
 - b. Shred sensitive information you no longer need
 - c. Save digital information securely avoiding cloud based folders with no password or computers that can be accessed by multiple people



¹ A site is secure if its address starts with "https://." It should also require you to create an account.

Steps you can take if your child's data is breached :

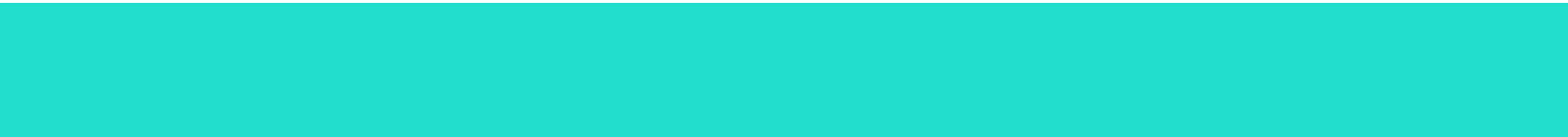
Contact all three credit bureaus. Most minors will not have credit reports, so the bureaus will be able to identify abnormal activity.

Equifax alerts.equifax.com 1-800-525-6285

Experian experian.com/fraud/center.html 1-888-397-3742

Transunion transunion.com/fraud 1-800-680-7289

1. If you find unusual activity, report it as soon as possible! Report fraudulent activity to the credit bureaus



around – delete it ASAP. You can further protect yourself by blocking the sender from your email program, social media platform or phone.

7. USE SECURE WI-FI

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Password Managers

It is best practice to use a unique password for each online account, but how are you supposed to remember them all? Use a password manager. Below data is current as of 8/7/2023.

Password Managers Comparison

Recommended by Wired	Recommended by Experian	Individual Cost (annual)	Family Cost (annual)
1Password	1Password	\$36	\$60
Bitwarden	BitWarden	\$0	\$40
Dashlane	Dashlane	\$42	\$90
NordPass	LastPass	\$0	\$36

* [Keepass](#) Password Safe is another free, open-source option, primarily for Windows.

TechRadar - Cloud Storage Comparison

Cloud Storage Services	Free plan	Best plan	Storage Capacity	Online editing and collaboration	Offline access	Device backup	File versioning	Platforms
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