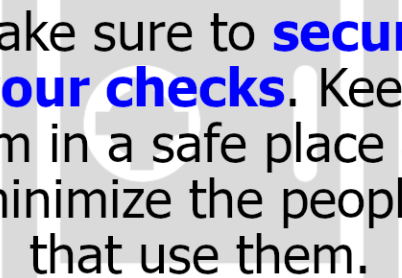


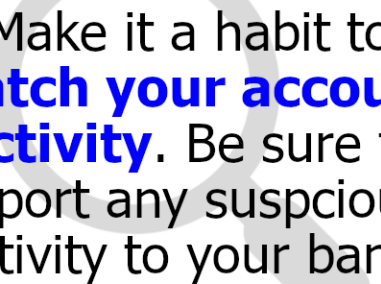
# How to Avoid Check Fraud

In recent years there has been a sharp increase in check fraud perpetrated by fraudsters using new technologies as well as old techniques.

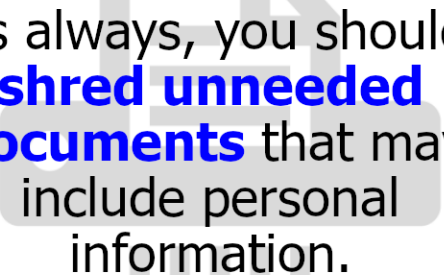
Here are some ways to Avoid Check Fraud!



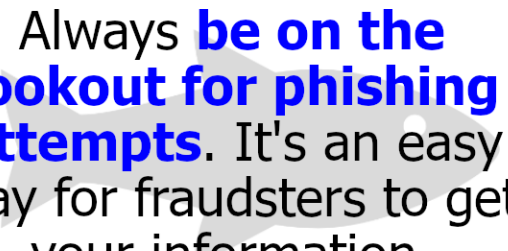
Make sure to **secure your checks**. Keep them in a safe place and minimize the people that use them.



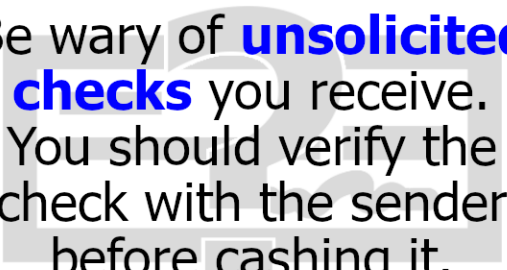
Make it a habit to **watch your account activity**. Be sure to report any suspicious activity to your bank.



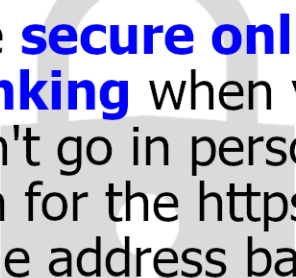
As always, you should **shred unneeded documents** that may include personal information.



Always **be on the lookout for phishing attempts**. It's an easy way for fraudsters to get your information.



Be wary of **unsolicited checks** you receive. You should verify the check with the sender before cashing it.



Use **secure online banking** when you can't go in person. Watch for the `https://` in the address bar!

