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SCAM PREVENTION CHECKLIST

- ✓ I place outgoing mail in collection boxes or the U.S. Post office.
- ✓ I have a locked mailbox.
- ✓ I shred solicitations (including response cards and prepaid envelopes) in a micro-cut cross cut shredder.

Information shredded in a strip shredder can be put back together in its original form.

✓ I obtained & checked my credit report through <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.
You may order all 3 at one time or one every 4 months.

✓ I do **not** order items online using my bank debit card.

✓ I do **not** access or order bank and or credit card account information using public Wi-Fi.

Public Wi-Fi allows someone with the right software/hardware to see the data on your device

✓ I have updated virus protection software on my computer.

✓ I check my bank account and credit card information online on a daily or weekly basis.

✓ I know my billing cycle for all accounts. If a bill does not appear as expected, I can contact the creditor.

✓ I have set up account alerts that notify me when purchases are over a certain dollar amount.

✓ I do **not** travel with my social security card &/or account passwords in my purse or wallet.

✓ I check my statements when they arrive for any suspicious transactions.

✓ I do **not** give out bank account or social security, personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet when I have not initiated the call or the online contact.

✓ I am smart about passwords and PINs. They are **not** based on birthdates, SSN's consecutive numbers, children or parents first names.