

January 6, 2025

By Email

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

To Whom It May Concern,

I write on behalf of Internet Archive to inform you about an incident involving personal information relating to Maryland residents.

On October 20, 2024, Internet Archive discovered suspicious activity involving its customer service platform. Specifically, between October 17, 2024 and October 20, 2024, an unauthorized actor obtained access to Internet Archive's customer service platform, which contained information about requests from certain Internet Archive users. As soon as Internet Archive learned of the incident, it took action to contain the incident, including by terminating the unauthorized access, and then launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the access.

Internet Archive determined that the personal information relating to Maryland residents involved in this incident may have included an individual's name and government ID information such as a driver's license or passport.

Internet Archive took action to contain the incident and investigate it, including by temporarily taking the customer service platform offline.

Internet Archive will notify four (4) Maryland residents of this incident on January 6, 2025.

Attached is a sample of the letter that Internet Archive is providing to the impacted individuals. Please do not hesitate to contact me at mwugmeister@mofo.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Internet Archive

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I write on behalf of Internet Archive to inform you about a security incident that involved personal information about you. We regret that this incident occurred and take the security of personal information seriously.

WHAT HAPPENED. On October 20, 2024, we discovered suspicious activity involving our customer service platform. Specifically, between October 17, 2024 and October 20, 2024, an unauthorized actor obtained access to our customer service platform, which contained information about requests from certain Internet Archive users. As soon as we learned of the incident, we took action to contain the incident, including by terminating the unauthorized access, and then launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the access.

WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED. We have determined that the personal information involved in this incident included your name and government ID information such as a driver's license or passport.

WHAT WE ARE DOING. As noted above, we took action to contain the incident and investigate it, including by temporarily taking the customer service platform offline.

WHAT YOU CAN DO. Consistent with certain laws, we are providing you with the following information about steps that a consumer can take to protect against potential misuse of personal information.

You should always remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft, including by regularly reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts or suspect identity theft or fraud, be sure to report it immediately to your financial institutions.

In addition, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") or law enforcement, including your state Attorney General, to report incidents of identity theft or to learn about steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft. To learn more, you can go to the FTC's website at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, or call the FTC at (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338) or write to Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

You may also periodically obtain credit reports from the nationwide credit reporting agencies. If you discover information on your credit report arising from a fraudulent transaction, you should request that the credit reporting agency delete that information from your credit report file. In addition, under federal law, you are entitled to one free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report by going to www.AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling (877) 322-8228. You may contact the nationwide credit reporting agencies at:

Equifax
(800) 685-1111
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
www.Equifax.com

Experian
(888) 397-3742
P.O. Box 9701
Allen, TX 75013
www.Experian.com

TransUnion
(800) 680-7289
Fraud Victim Assistance Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022-2000
www.TransUnion.com

You also have other rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”). For information about your rights under the FCRA, please visit: https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf.

In addition, you may obtain additional information from the FTC and the credit reporting agencies about fraud alerts and security freezes. You can add a fraud alert to your credit report file to help protect your credit information. A fraud alert can make it more difficult for someone to get credit in your name because it tells creditors to follow certain procedures to verify your identity. You may place a fraud alert in your file by calling any of the nationwide credit reporting agencies listed above. As soon as that agency processes your fraud alert, it will notify the other two agencies, which then must also place fraud alerts in your file.

In addition, you can contact the nationwide credit reporting agencies at the numbers listed above to place a security freeze to restrict access to your credit report. You will need to provide the credit reporting agency with certain information, such as your name, address, date of birth and Social Security number. After receiving your request, the credit reporting agency will send you a confirmation containing a unique PIN or password that you will need in order to remove or temporarily lift the freeze. You should keep the PIN or password in a safe place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION. Please know that we regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-833-903-3648 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Internet Archive

IF YOU ARE A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENT: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the FTC or the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office. These offices can be reached at:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338) http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/	Office of the Attorney General 400 6th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 (202) 727-3400 https://oag.dc.gov/
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IF YOU ARE A MARYLAND RESIDENT: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the FTC or the Maryland Attorney General's Office. These offices can be reached at:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338) http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/	Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 (888) 743-0023 https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/
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IF YOU ARE A NEW YORK RESIDENT: You may obtain information about security breach response and identity theft prevention and protection from the FTC or from the following New York state agencies:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.consumer.gov/idtheft	New York Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224 (800) 771-7755 www.ag.ny.gov	New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection 99 Washington Avenue Suite 650 Albany, New York 12231 (800) 697-1220 www.dos.ny.gov
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IF YOU ARE A NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the FTC or the North Carolina Attorney General's Office. These offices can be reached at:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.consumer.gov/idtheft	North Carolina Department of Justice Attorney General Josh Stein 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 (877) 566-7226 http://www.ncdoj.gov
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