

YOU CAN FIGHT IDENTITY THEFT

There is a type of identity theft using the Internet called “phishing.” Pronounced “fishing,” that is exactly what thieves are doing, fishing for your personal financial information. They want your account numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords, and other confidential information.

How to protect yourself:

- (1) NEVER** provide your personal information in response to an unsolicited request. If you do not initiate the communication, **do not provide** any information.
- (2)** If you are unsure whether a contact is legitimate, contact the financial institution.
- (3) NEVER** provide your account information and/or password over the phone or in response to an unsolicited Internet request. A financial institution would never ask you to verify your account information or confirm a password online.
- (4)** Review account statements regularly to ensure all charges are correct.

What to do if you fall victim:

- a.** Contact your financial institution immediately.
- b.** Close accounts you think have been tampered with.
- c.** Notify in writing, send your letters by certified mail, return receipt requested and keep copies of your correspondence.
- d** Report all suspicious contacts to the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 or **<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>**