





July 22, 2024

Notice of << Variable Text 2>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Lindquist Insurance Associates, Inc. ("Lindquist") is writing to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have involved your personal information. Lindquist takes the privacy and security of all information within its possession very seriously. We are writing to notify you about the incident, provide you with information about steps you can take to help protect your information, and offer you the opportunity to enroll in complimentary identity protection services that Lindquist is making available to you.

What Happened? On March 6, 2024, we discovered unusual activity in our digital environment. Upon discovering this activity, we immediately took steps to secure the network and launched an investigation, aided by independent cybersecurity experts, to determine what happened and whether sensitive information may have been affected. As a result of the investigation, we learned that an unauthorized actor acquired certain files and data stored within our systems. Upon learning this, we launched a comprehensive review of all potentially affected information to identify any personal information that could have possibly been acquired. Following the completion of this comprehensive review, we confirmed on July 8, 2024, that your personal information may have been involved in the incident. Since that time, we have been working to gather contact information for individuals and prepare notification to all affected individuals of this incident.

What Information Was Involved? Following our review of the contents of the impacted data, on July 8, 2024, we determined that your name and <\Variable Text 1>> were included. We emphasize that we have no evidence of any actual or attempted misuse of this information.

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered this incident, we took measures to further secure the network and enlisted outside cybersecurity experts to conduct a forensic investigation. We have also implemented additional security measures to help reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. In addition, we are notifying you of this event and providing resources you can utilize to help protect your information.

As a precaution, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, A ZeroFox Company, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: <<12 months/24 months>> of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised

What Can You Do? We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services by calling 1-800-939-4170, going to https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect, or scanning the QR image and using the Enrollment Code provided above. Please note the deadline to enroll is October 22, 2024. We also recommend that you review the guidance included with this letter about how to protect your information.

For More Information: If you have questions about this matter or need assistance enrolling in the complimentary services being offered to you, representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line at 1-800-939-4170 and supply the call specialist with your unique code listed above.

We take your trust in us and this matter very seriously. Please accept our sincere apologies for any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Lindquist Insurance Associates, Inc.

Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting http://www.annualcreditreport.com/, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	
P.O. Box 105788	
Atlanta, GA 30348	
1-888-378-4329	
www.equifax.com	

Experian
P.O. Box 9532
Allen, TX 75013
1-800-831-5614
www.experian.com

TransUnion P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016 1-800-916-8800 www.transunion.com

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at http://www.annualcreditreport.com.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580
consumer.ftc.gov
1-877-438-4338

Maryland Attorney General St. Paul Plaza 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 marylandattorneygeneral.gov 1-888-743-0023

Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 <u>ag.ny.gov</u> 1-212-416-8433 / 1-800-771-7755

New York Attorney General

North Carolina Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 ncdoj.gov 1-877-566-7226

Rhode Island Attorney General	
150 South Main Street	
Providence, RI 02903	
http://www.riag.ri.gov	
<u>riag.ri.gov</u>	
1-401-274-4400	

Washington D.C. Attorney General 400 S 6th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 oag.dc.gov 1-202-727-3400 You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf.