

7 Steps to help fight fraud

At Countrywide Pre-Paid Legal Services, we're serious about protecting your employees. Due to the latest Equifax breach you may want to consider offering your employees ID Theft & Credit Monitoring plan.

Fraudsters are always looking for new ways to steal, but we can help you and your employees stay ahead of them.

Know what to look for and what to do by taking these seven protective steps:

1. Set up your own online account so someone doesn't create one using your name. Not having a username and password won't protect you against online fraud and can actually be riskier!
2. Use complex passwords with at least eight characters and a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters @, #, \$, etc.
3. Never email confidential information, including current or former passwords.
4. Be careful of emails asking you to change or confirm passwords. Confirm such requests by telephone.
5. Be suspicious of emails from unfamiliar senders. If you aren't positively sure about the email's origin, don't click on any link it might contain.
6. Carefully check your account statements for any charges you don't recognize.
7. Be cautious of any "out of character" email or instant message from someone in your address book. Screen names can get hijacked!