



FDIC ISSUES WARNING OF FRAUDULENT EMAIL

The FDIC has issued the following warning about a fraudulent email that has been circulating the web. The **subject line** is: "**check your Bank Deposit Insurance Coverage.**" The e-mail tells recipients that, "You have received this message because you are a holder of a FDIC-insured bank account. Recently FDIC has officially named the bank you have opened your account with as a failed bank, thus, taking control of its assets." The e-mail then asks recipients to "visit the official FDIC website and perform the following steps to check your Deposit Insurance Coverage" (a fraudulent link is provided). It then instructs recipients to "download and open your personal FDIC Insurance File to check your Deposit Insurance Coverage."

This e-mail and associated Web site are fraudulent. Recipients should consider the intent of this e-mail as an attempt to collect personal or confidential information, some of which may be used to gain unauthorized access to on-line banking services or to conduct identity theft. The FDIC does not issue unsolicited e-mails to consumers. Financial institutions and consumers should NOT follow the link in the fraudulent e-mail.

For your reference, FDIC Special Alerts may be accessed from the FDIC's website at www.fdic.gov/news/news/SpecialAlert/2009/index.html

Victims of fraud or identity theft may place a fraud alert or credit freeze on their credit file by calling any one of the three major credit reporting companies:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com
Experian: 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com

Thurston First Bank takes your security and privacy very seriously. For more information on identity theft and fraud, please refer to [Reporting Fraud](#) or access the FDIC's website at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/theft/index.html>