



CHECK FRAUD PREVENTION

→ AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF CHECK FRAUD

Don't become a victim!

Henrico Police wants to enlist your help to prevent check fraud and the financially devastating consequences often associated with it. If you suspect someone is following you, drive to a safe location and immediately call the police.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

- Never mail bill payments or checks in birthday cards or other special occasion cards from a mailbox. Instead, take them to the post office and deposit your payment envelope or card inside the post office.
- Never use “drop boxes” for rental payments. Instead, make rental payments in person.
- Use secure online bill payments whenever possible.
- Use only a gel pen to write out your checks. Other pens contain dyes and inks that can be “washed” away. Thieves often use this method called “check washing” to reuse checks stolen from victims.
- Never “pre-sign” your blank checks. Write checks only as you need them.
- Fill in the entire payee line and amount line. If the payee’s name or amount does not take up the entire line, draw a horizontal line to take up the blank space.
- Review and reconcile your bank statement as soon as you receive it to identify any fraudulent activity.
- Safeguard convenience checks sent by credit card companies. Shred them if you do not use them.
- If you suspect any unusual activity near mailboxes in your neighborhood, please call police at (804) 501-5000.

Remember: Report all suspicious activity!

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