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Crime Mapping..... www.raidsonline.com

News Releases and Information:

richlandpolicedept.blogspot.com

Richland Municipal Code:

www.codepublishing.com/wa/richland

To Request a Copy of a Police Report:

www.ci.richland.wa.us/FormCenter/Police-6/Police-Records-Request-47

Sex Offender Information:

www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54457

Attorney General Consumer Protection

Office: 1-800-551-4636

**RECEIVE FREE EMAIL ALERTS
FROM THE RICHLAND POLICE
DEPARTMENT.**

Sign up at www.richlandpolicedept.blogspot.com

This brochure was prepared by the Richland Police Department Crime Prevention Unit

As part our continued effort in:

"Pursuing Innovative Solutions to Issues through a Partnership with the Community."

For more information about crime prevention, please contact the Richland Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 942-7636.

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**FRAUD AND IDENTIFICATION
THEFT**



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IMPORTANT FRAUD VICTIM INFORMATION

If you become a victim of check fraud or credit card fraud, follow these steps:

- Close your account.
- Call your local police department or sheriff's office to file a report.
- Contact your bank and provide them your case number and follow their instructions.
- Visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft to get tips on how to repair your credit.

If you are a victim of check fraud, contact the major check verification companies:

- TeleCheck 1-800-710-9898
- Certegy, Inc. 1-800-437-5120

Stay up to date on the latest schemes and scams at www.fraud.org

VICTIM OF FRAUD OR IDENTITY THEFT?

Request a fraud alert form:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian: 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

You can request copies of your credit report twice annually. Check for unauthorized accounts that may have been opened.

How do I get off telemarketing lists?

Contact the Federal Trade Commission:
www.donotcall.gov

How do I get off mailing lists?

Contact the Direct Marketing Association at www.dmaconsumers.org. There is a \$5 fee to file.

What if I suspect a con?

File a report by calling 509-628-0333 or visit www.fraud.org

PREVENTING INVESTMENT FRAUD

- Reduce your exposure to sales pitches from con men. Use care when attending free lunch or dinner seminars. Avoid high-risk investments. Develop a "refusal script."
- Look for persuasion flags such as phantom riches, source credibility, social consensus, reciprocity and scarcity.
- Ask for and check the registration status of the broker and the investment. Ask if they are licensed to sell the investment.

CHECK FRAUD

Prevention:

- Use a shredder;
- Know who you are giving a check to;

- Write checks using a black gel pen;
- Secure your mail by:
- Having a secure/lockable mail box or using a post office box.
- Drop your outgoing letters off at the post office or a secure USPS mail box.
- Have your check order sent to the bank and pick them up there.
- Consider using electronic bill pay from your bank.



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