

FRAUD ALERT:

Mail Fishing in Our Communities

United Bank takes your account security seriously. We thought it should be brought to our customers' attention that check thieves are now 'fishing' for your checks from locked, US Postal mail receptacles. A makeshift fishing pole is sometimes used, or they steal postal keys to unlock the boxes on their own. When captured, your checks are washed using various chemicals to change check amounts and payees.

The black market for "glass" — pilfered checks sold online, with a guarantee they'll clear at the bank — is growing more widespread and sophisticated.

United Bank recommends using safer and secure payment options available, including:

- Enroll in online banking and use bill pay to send payments to your regular payees. Schedule payments in advance, or set up as recurring for fixed amounts.
- Set up automatic payments with utility companies and other regular payees — they can draft your checking account or a payment card directly each month.
- Employers should pay employees via direct deposit. Payments are credited automatically to your employees' accounts, often giving them faster access to their funds.

Our bankers are always available to discuss these options with you, and how to maximize your use of our free, digital banking tools.



Call (770) 567-7211

to learn more about how you can protect your account

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