



VIA EMAIL: SecurityBreach@atg.wa.gov
1125 Washington Street SE
PO Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

Re: Security Incident Notification

November 5, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

VF Outdoor, LLC (doing business as The North Face®) (“VF Outdoor”, “we”, “our”) is writing to provide you with notice, pursuant to RCW 19.255.010, of a security incident in which one of VF Outdoor’s websites, thenorthface.com, was subject to a credential stuffing attack. Based on our investigation, the security incident involved 366 Washington residents; however, we do not have addresses on file for all affected individuals and more Washington residents may have been affected.

On October 9, 2020, we were alerted to unusual activity involving our website, thenorthface.com, that prompted us to investigate. Following a careful investigation, we concluded that an attacker had launched a credential stuffing attack against our website on October 8 and 9, 2020. We believe that the attacker gained access to email addresses and passwords from another source and used those as credentials to access user accounts on thenorthface.com. In addition, we believe that the attacker was able to view personal information in user accounts, including products a customer had purchased on our website, products a customer had saved to their “favorites,” billing address, shipping address(es), VIPeak customer loyalty point total, email preferences, first and last name, birthday, and telephone number. In some cases, the attacker was able to process purchases through user accounts on thenorthface.com; although the attacker would not have been able to view or access payment card information as we tokenize that information and do not store it on thenorthface.com. We discovered this security incident on October 9, 2020.

As soon as we became aware of this incident, we quickly took steps to investigate and address the incident, including by implementing measures to limit account logins from sources that we believe may be suspicious or in patterns that may be suspicious. As a further precaution, we disabled all passwords from accounts that were accessed during the timeframe of the attack and erased all payment card tokens from all accounts on thenorthface.com.

We provided notice via email to affected Washington residents on November 5, 2020, a sample of which is attached.

Please contact me at (858) 677-1418 or Andrew.Serwin@us.dlapiper.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,
DLA Piper LLP (US)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Serwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Serwin
One of its attorneys

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November 5, 2020

From: reply@e.thenorthface.com

RE: Important notice about your account on TheNorthFace.com and your personal information

Dear [customer name],

We care about the security of your personal information, and we are writing to tell you that we have discovered evidence of unauthorized access to some of your personal information.

What happened?

On October 9, 2020, we were alerted to unusual activity involving our website, thenorthface.com, that prompted us to investigate immediately. Following a careful investigation, we concluded that a credential stuffing attack had been launched against our website on October 8 and 9, 2020. A “credential stuffing attack” is a specific type of cybersecurity attack in which the attacker uses account authentication credentials (e.g., email addresses/usernames and passwords) stolen from another source, such as a breach of another company or website, to gain unauthorized access to user accounts. Credential stuffing attacks can occur when individuals use the same authentication credentials on multiple websites, which is why we encourage you to use a unique password on thenorthface.com.

Based on our investigation, we believe that the attacker previously gained access to your email address and password from another source (not from The North Face) and subsequently used those same credentials to access your account on thenorthface.com.

What information was involved?

Based on our investigation, we believe that the attacker obtained your email address and password from another source (as described above) and may have accessed the information stored on your account at thenorthface.com, including products you have purchased on our website, products you have saved to your “favorites,” your billing address, your shipping address(es), your VIPeak customer loyalty point total, your email preferences, your first and last name, your birthday (if you saved it to your account), and your telephone number (if you saved it to your account).

If you saved your payment card (credit, debit or stored value card) to your account on thenorthface.com, *the attacker was not able to view your payment card number, expiration date, nor your CVV (the short code on the back of your card)*, because we do not keep a copy of that information on thenorthface.com. We only retain a “token” that we have linked to your payment card, and only our third-party payment card processor retains payment card details. The token cannot be used to initiate a purchase anywhere other than on thenorthface.com.

Accordingly, your credit card information is not at risk as a result of this incident.

What have we done to protect you?

Please know that protecting your personal information is something that we take very seriously. Once we became aware of the incident, we quickly took steps to address the incident, including by implementing measures that limit account logins from sources that we believe are suspicious or in patterns that are suspicious. As a further precaution, we disabled all passwords from accounts that were accessed during the timeframe of the attack. We also erased all payment card tokens from all accounts on thenorthface.com. As such, you will need to create a new (unique) password and enter your payment card information again the next time you shop on thenorthface.com. *We want to assure you that the safety of your information on our website is our utmost concern.*

Other than the use of your email address and password to access your account, we are not aware of any fraudulent activity conducted using your information on thenorthface.com. Nevertheless, as described above, we have reason to believe that some of your personal information was compromised in the past from another source, so we encourage you to take steps to reduce the potential risk of misuse of your online accounts. Please change your password at thenorthface.com and at all other sites where you use the same password. *We strongly encourage you not to use the same password for your account at thenorthface.com that you use on other websites, because if one of those other websites is breached, your email address and password could be used to access your account at thenorthface.com.* In addition, we recommend avoiding using easy-to-guess passwords. You should also be on alert for schemes, known as “phishing” attacks, where malicious actors may pretend to represent The North Face or other organizations, and you should not provide your personal information in response to any electronic communications regarding a cybersecurity incident. We have included below further information on steps you may consider taking to protect your credit.

How can you get more information?

For further information about this incident, you may call us at 1-833-346-5227. As described in more detail below, you may obtain information from the FTC and the credit reporting agencies about fraud alerts and security freezes.

Sincerely,

VF Outdoor, LLC
doing business as The North Face®
1551 Wewatta Street
Denver, CO 80202

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CYBERSECURITY ATTACKS AND IDENTITY THEFT

You should monitor your financial accounts for any suspicious activity. For more information about steps you can take to reduce the likelihood of identity theft or fraud, call 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338), visit the FTC’s website at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>, or write to: Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. However, if you believe you are the victim of identity theft, you should immediately contact your local law enforcement agency, your state’s attorney general, or the FTC.

Information on Free Credit Reports

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit reports periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly. To monitor your credit accounts, you can obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>, calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>

Information on Credit Report Fraud Alerts

You may also place a fraud alert on your credit file free of charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. You can call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the contact information below or place fraud alerts online at the websites below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts.

	Experian	Equifax	TransUnion
Phone	1-888-397-3742	1-800-525-6285 or 1-888-766-0008	1-800-680-7289
Address	Experian Fraud Division P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax Consumer Fraud Division PO Box 740256 Atlanta, GA 30374	TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016
Online Credit Report Fraud Alert Form	https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/	https://fraud.transunion.com/fa/fraudAlert/landingPage.jsp

Information on Security Freezes

In addition to a fraud alert, you may place a security freeze on your credit file. A security freeze will block a credit bureau from releasing information from your credit report without your prior written authorization. Please be aware that it may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, mortgages, employment, housing or other services. The fees for placing a security freeze vary by state, and a consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of up to \$10.00 to place a freeze or lift or remove a freeze in some states.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request to **each** of the major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified, or overnight mail. You can also place security freezes online by visiting **each** consumer reporting agency online.

	Experian	Equifax	TransUnion
Address	Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, Georgia 30348	TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016
Online Security Freeze Form	https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services	https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

State-Specific Information

If you are a resident of the following states, the following information applies to you.

For residents of New York, Rhode Island, Maryland, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia: For information on how to avoid identity theft or to contact your state's attorney general, please use the below information.

New York Attorney General	Rhode Island Attorney General	Maryland Attorney General
1-800-771-7755 https://ag.ny.gov/ Office of the Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224-0341	(401) 274-4400 http://www.riag.ri.gov/ Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903	1 (888) 743-0023 https://www.oag.state.md.us/ Attorney General of Maryland 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202
North Carolina Attorney General	District of Columbia Attorney General	
1-877-566-7226 http://www.ncdoj.gov Attorney General's Office 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001	(202) 727-3400 https://oag.dc.gov Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia 441 4th St. NW Washington, DC 20001	

For residents of New Mexico: You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). These include: the right to access information in your consumer file at a consumer reporting agency; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information in your consumer file at a consumer reporting agency; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate information in your consumer file; the right to block information in your consumer file that is the result of identity theft; and the right to have a fraud alert placed on your consumer file (as described above). For more information, please visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/> or <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>.

For residents of Rhode Island: Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain a police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

Based on our investigation to date, we believe this incident affected 34,582 individuals.