Two Rivers Bank & Trust would like you to remember these online security tips that can help protect yourself and your money:

1. **Use strong passwords for all your accounts**. A strong password (one that is not easily guessed by a human or computer) will have 8 or more characters, including letters, numbers and symbols. Make sure to use different user IDs and passwords for your financial accounts and for any other sites you use online.
2. **Don't respond to emails that claim to be from your bank (or any other company) requesting your account details**. No bank is ever likely to approach you this way to ask for personal information.
3. **Be wary of email attachments and free software from unknown sources.** You could end up exposing your computer (and the information on it) to online fraud and theft.
4. **Be careful about what (and where) you click online**. Look for security-enabled website addresses that start with "https:" (the extra "s" indicates security). These sites take extra measures to help secure your information. Keep in mind that links you receive in emails or in messages on social networking sites can be harmful or fraudulent, even if they appear to come from friends. Requests for personal information or a call for immediate action are almost always a scam. If you suspect the link might give you a virus or steal personal data, don't click on it. Talk to the sender directly and make sure it came from them.
5. **Secure your smartphone with a screen lock**. Many mobile devices give you the option of locking your screen with a password, helping you keep the data on your smartphone secure.
6. **Keep sensitive personal information and bank account numbers and passwords off your phone**. Some banks offer secure mobile access without having to expose your account information or passwords.
7. **Keep your computer operating system, your internet browser and your mobile device software up to date with the latest security patches**. For mobile devices, this may require synching with your computer. Also, be sure to use anti-virus and anti-spyware software: They help find and remove viruses and spyware that can steal your information.

We feel by following these online and mobile security tips, you can help protect your personal information and help prevent it from getting into the wrong hands. If you suspect information related to your bank account has been compromised, contact Two Rivers Bank & Trust immediately for assistance addressing the issue.