

### SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

# You work hard to get ahead. We work smart to protect your assets.



## BUSINESS FRAUD IS ON THE RISE\*

5% of revenue

is lost to fraud each year

33%

of all frauds

are attributed to a lack of internal controls

86%

of fraud cases

involve theft of assets

80%

of occupational frauds

are committed by managers and employees

29%

of occupational frauds

are committed in operations and accounting





#### WHAT WE'RE DOING TO PROTECT YOU:

At Northern Bank, protecting you and your business from fraudulent activity is a top priority. Since managers are more likely to override existing controls to perpetrate a fraud, we have implemented controls on our end that limit who can authorize specific electronic transactions to and from your accounts.

## To better protect you, only the business owner can authorize the following:

- Wire transfer limit increase
- Direct Pay
- Electronic Check
- Credit Increase or ACH (aka Direct Deposit)

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS:

- 1 Limit who in your business can authorize certain electronic transfers, wires, change of address, phone number and authorized signers on the bank account.
- 2 Beware of Business Email Compromise (BEC).

  These are fake email messages that appear to come from a real bank or vendor (often the result of hacking).
- 3 Never change financial information such as payments based on an email from a bank or vendor. Always call the bank or vendor to confirm changes.
- 4 Participate in wire transfer callbacks as an extra layer of security, we require phone call verification for all wire transactions.
- 5 Sign-up for Northern Bank's Positive Pay, which helps detect counterfeit checks (fees apply)."

\*Information courtesy of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners \*\*\$10.00 per month per account



#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact our Business Support team:

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