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## ONLINE BANKING

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SUBJECT: *Tips for Safe Banking Over the Internet - An FDIC Brochure for Bank Customers*

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is pleased to announce the publication of the brochure *Tips for Safe Banking Over the Internet*, produced in collaboration with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

The brochure is designed to assist consumers when banking online, with tips on how to confirm that an online bank is legitimate, verify deposit insurance status, and determine the amount insured. In addition, consumers can learn about protection of personal private information and ways to maintain secure transactions online. Information on how and where to file a complaint on suspicious or fraudulent banks, where to find information on consumer protection laws and regulations, and where to seek assistance from banking regulators is also provided.

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