

SecurLOCK Communicate Cardholder FAQs

In our continued efforts to protect you, our customer, German American is pleased to offer a fraud alert management system for credit card holders through SecurLOCK Communicate. With this system, you may begin receiving text messages and/or phone calls and emails asking you to confirm if suspicious transactions are valid. We will only ask you to verify if the transaction(s) are valid. We will not ask for account or personal information. Please be sure that you have the most current telephone number, cell phone number, and email address on file with us to avoid any delays in notification from the fraud management system. You may contact our Customer Care Team at (800)482-1314 or fill out the [Contact Us](#) form to ensure your contact information is current.

Q. Is this service 24 hours or only in a certain window?

A. We have calls only going out during certain hours so cardholders aren't being called after normal waking hours. Emails will be sent 24 hours. Text will be sent from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the cardholder's time zone. Calls will be sent from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the cardholder's time zone. Texts and voice calls pending from the night before will be triggered the following morning at the applicable time noted above. Agents are available 24/7.

Q. How can I stop text messages if I don't want to receive them any longer?

A. All you need to do is respond back to the SMS text alert with the word STOP. U.S. consumers who have service through AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and T-Mobile will not be charged message or data rates for our fraud alerts. We absorb that cost for you!

Q. Can the alerts be sent to customers traveling internationally?

A. We are unable to send text or phone calls internationally, but please make sure your email address is current as we can always email you 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Q. How do customers enroll?

A. We have already included you in these enhanced services as part of our fraud protection services.

Q. What triggers these alerts?

A. Transactions that we have identified as potential fraud trigger the alerts.

Q. If I receive an alert, does that automatically block my account from further purchases?

A. The majority of suspected fraud accounts will be blocked, just as they are today. However, some lower risk items may not be declined.

Q. If I respond back that the transaction(s) are valid, will you automatically unblock my account?

A. Yes, though please keep in mind that it could take 5 –10 minutes for a block to be removed in some situations.



German American

Banking | Insurance | Investments
Member FDIC

Q: If I contacted you to indicate I will be traveling during a specific timeframe, will that supersede this process?

A: Yes, if you contacted us to indicate you will be traveling during a specific timeframe, a travel note will be placed on your account for that timeframe and transactions will be processed as they are today. We highly recommend contacting us if you plan on traveling to ensure you are not inconvenienced. Please remember our goal is to stop fraud, and fraud may still present during your travel dates.

Q. If a transaction is declined due to suspected fraud, but I validate that I did make the purchase, can I try to complete the purchase again?

A. Once the alert is updated in our fraud system, you can attempt the transaction again, usually within 5 –10 minutes of the initial call/text/email to validate activity.

Q. What if my “yes” or “no” text response has a typo?

A. The system will accept many common typo variations of the “yes” or “no” text message response. If the system cannot understand what was typed, it will generate a message to call a representative for help.

Q. Is there a difference for consumers and businesses cardholders?

A. No.

Q. Can I establish preferences through my mobile app?

A. Communicate alerts are not configured through a mobile app, but rather through our fraud systems. The standard order of engagement is:

- 1) Text
- 2) Voice Call
- 3) Email

Alerts generated overnight result in an email only until calling and texting hours are available. Text will be sent from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the cardholder’s time zone. Calls will be sent from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the cardholder’s time zone.

Q: How do incoming and outgoing voice calls work?

A: Communicate actions are triggered by today’s existing fraud alerts through the Falcon system. If a mobile phone is on record, a text alert will be triggered first. All numbers on record, that are identified as a mobile phone, will be utilized. Communicate has technology that allows it to determine if a phone number is a mobile or land line, so indicators within the processing platform are not required. If we do not receive a response to the text(s), the system sends an automated voice call asking you to confirm if authorizations are valid or unrecognized. If you select “Not Recognized,” the call is transferred to an agent to confirm the fraudulent transaction(s). If there is no response to the text or voice call, an email is sent requesting that you confirm the transactions are valid.



German American

Banking | Insurance | Investments
Member FDIC