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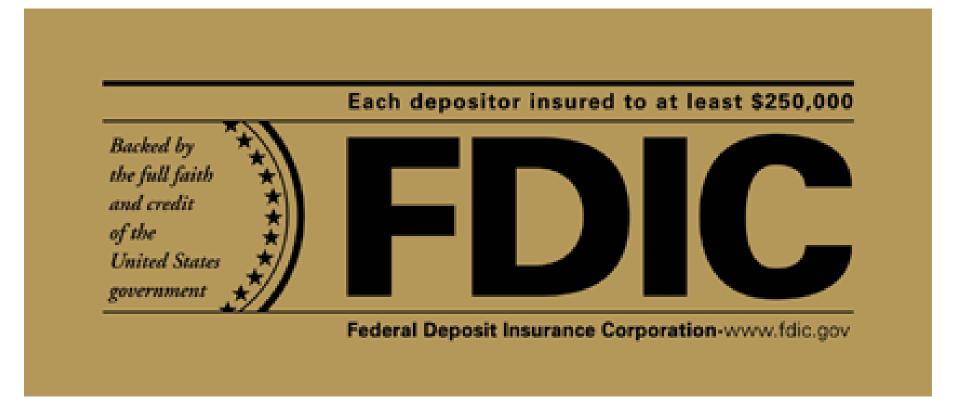


Checks

- Checking accounts are demand deposit
- Check a written order to a bank to pay the stated amount to the person or business named on the check from an account.

	IR COMPANY NAME vww.yourcompany.cc 123 MAIN STREET ANYWHERE, US 1245 PH 555-655-5555 FAX: 555-655-5655		YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION 655 BRANCH STREET ANYWHERE, US 12345 12-3456789		3537
PAY TO THE ORDER OF				<u>\$</u>	
			YOUR C	COMPANY NAME HERE	DOLLARS
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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



•You're covered up to \$250,000 per depositor per bank. (different branch locations don't count)

•Account holders may be charged **monthly** fees for the **account** or for each check **written**. – becoming more popular and more expensive because of new government regulations that restrict other ways banks can make money – like overdraft fees, etc.

I REFUSE to pay to have access to my own money and encourage you to adopt the same philosophy!!!

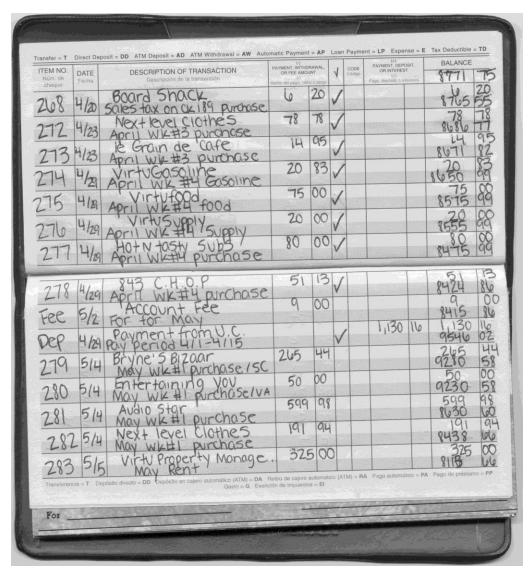


Signature Card

FROM	ADDRESS
Warren E. Smith.	422 Main St.
TO INTERNATIONAL	CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS BANK, OF SCRANTON, PA.
Below please find duly authorized sign	nature, which you will recognize in the payment of funds or the transaction
of other business on my account.	
	Yours truly,
	Warren E. Smith
BUSINESS	INTRODUCED BY
Painting, etc.	Conrad Schroeder
DATE	
Jan. 1, 1904	
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- Account holders must sign signature cards (formality)
- •Every person authorized to write checks must have a signature card on file

Checkbook Register



...provides a record of payments made for bills or purchases

A **deposit** is money added to your **account**.

Don't TRUST your BANK – they can and do screw up.

Pancho's vs. Payday Loans

Payday loans are ridiculously awful, terrible things. Worse than credit card debt, way worse, like 300% interest worse!



Pancho's vs. Payday Loans

You can say what you want about Chipotle, Qdoba, and Freebirds, but Pancho's is where it's at.





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Focus on...

- A check cashing service is a business that charges a fee to cash a check
- An individual is given an advance, called a payday loan, based on proof of employment (previous paycheck)
- The borrower writes a check to the lender for the amount borrowed plus a fee which can equate to an interest rate in the 100%'s or even topping 1,000%

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 Getting payday loans leads to a cycle of borrowing money at a high cost

ATM and Stuff



•Bank customers can use an **ATM card** to withdraw money from a checking account (usually the same as your debit card)

•With an **automatic withdrawal**, money is deducted from your account and **transferred** to another party.

Writing Checks

- When you write a check, you are telling the bank to pay money to the person or company named on the check. This person or company is the payee (fancy word for person RECEIVING the money)
- A postdated check is a check written with a date that will occur in the future (usually not accepted by banks until that date – so getting your paycheck early isn't all it's cracked up to be)

Using Debit Cards and ATM Cards

- A debit card allows the account holder to withdraw cash at an ATM.
- The account holder must enter a personal identification number, or PIN, to access the account or pass the card through a reader of some type.
- It's a PIN not a PIN NUMBER that's like saying Personal Identification Number Number, same thing with ATM MACHINE

Protecting Your Account Data

- When someone alters a check to get money from another person's account, that crime is called check fraud – shame on you criminals!
- When someone signs another person's name on a check, the crime is **forgery**. – kind of like signing your parent's name on field trip release form when you were a kid.

Blank Endorsement

- An endorsement is a signature or instructions written on the back of a check.
- For a blank
 endorsement, the
 signature of the payee is
 written on the back of
 the check. Anyone who
 has the check can cash
 it. (Legally, possession is
 all that matters).



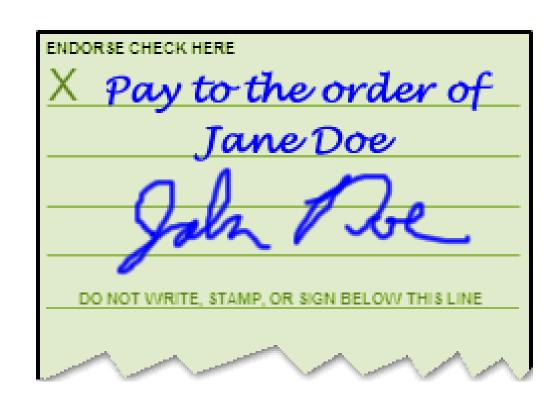
Restrictive Endorsement

In a restrictive endorsement, the purpose of the transfer of the check is given. For example, **For Deposit Only** may be written on the check.



Special Endorsement

In a **special** endorsement, the words Pay to the Order of and the name of the person or company to which the check is being transferred are placed before the signature of the payee.



Making Deposits (continued)

- Deposits can be made at one of your bank's ATMs.
- When checks are deposited in person, by mail, or at an ATM, it can take a few days for the deposit to be processed (but who does this anymore)
- With automatic deposit, money is electronically placed in an account. (easy come, easy go)

Reconciling a Bank Statement

 Once a month, you will receive a statement from the bank. It will show the account beginning balance and ending balance.

Banks are run by computers that are run and programmed by humans. Humans screw up, so never have 100% absolute trust in your bank — mistakes happen.

Checking Account Fees

- Some checking accounts do not have monthly service fees (these I would recommend)
- You may be required to keep a minimum
 balance in the account (certain amount of \$)
- Some checking accounts pay interest to you on the money you keep in the account. (again I would recommend these accounts)

REMEMBER

PANCHOS = GOOD PAYDAY LOANS = BAD