



The safest place for your money is in the bank!

Customer deposits are protected

- In 75 years, no depositor of an FDIC-insured bank has ever lost a single penny from an insured account.
- FDIC-insured banks provide \$250,000 of deposit insurance coverage for interest earning accounts and unlimited coverage for non-interest earning accounts per depositor per insured bank.
- Many banks participate in the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) which allows depositors to get FDIC insurance on up to \$50 million.
- The FDIC is a self-funded, independent government agency; it insures many kinds of bank deposits including checking, savings, money market accounts and certificates of deposit.

Banks have the resources to meet needs within the communities they serve

- Banks are well-positioned to handle economic downturns.
- Nationwide, banks hold \$8.7 trillion in deposits.
- Banks remain ready, willing and able to meet the needs of the communities they serve with a wide variety of residential and commercial services.

Maryland banks are safe and sound

- Maryland banks hold more than \$95 billion in deposits
- Maryland consumers have access to 131 banks with over 1,500 branch offices across the State
- A number of MBA's member institutions are experiencing growth in retail deposits
- Retail deposit growth in Maryland chartered institutions exceeded the national average (3Q2008).
- Maryland banks have very little exposure to the so called "toxic" loans resulting from high risk and subprime lending.
- Most banks in Maryland have only a small number of non-performing loans; in fact some MBA member banks have no delinquent loans.

Banks are highly capitalized and well-positioned for economic fluctuations

- Banking's capital – which serves as a buffer against any losses – is at historic highs.
- As of September 2008, the industry held \$1.3 trillion in capital and \$156 billion in reserves.
- More than 98 percent of banks (holding 99.4 percent of the industry's assets) are "well capitalized," which is the highest designation possible.
- The core capital ratio of Maryland banks stood at 9.21% as of September 30, 2008, significantly above the national average of 7.81%.

Banks are highly regulated and experts in managing risk

- Banks use enterprise-wide risk management processes and sophisticated risk-management evaluation systems.
- Banks have increased auditing and internal control standards over the past several years.
- Federal laws adopted since 1991 have significantly strengthened oversight of the banking industry.
- Federally-insured deposit institutions undergo extensive examinations for safety and soundness every 18 months.