



HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF?

- Guard your mail, personal identification numbers and account numbers.
- If you go on vacation hold your mail and newspapers; avoid “announcing your plans”
- Shred all your personal documents
- Don’t carry your social security number with you/on your person.
- Remove your credit card receipts from your purse/wallet.
- Don’t write down any codes or pin numbers where others can view them or have access to them.
- Guard your social security number; ask “why it is needed” and “how will it be used”.
- Order a credit report on a regular basis, at least every six months.

Identity Theft Contact Information

Federal Trade Commission

(202) 326-2222

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

IdentityTheft.gov

EQUIFAX

www.equifax.com

(888) 378-4329

EXPERIAN

www.experian.com

(888) 397-3742

TRANSUNION

www.transunion.com

(800) 916-8800

To order a report

AnnualCreditReport.com

(877) 322-8228

Annual Credit Report Request Service

P.O. Box 105281

Atlanta, GA 30348-5281

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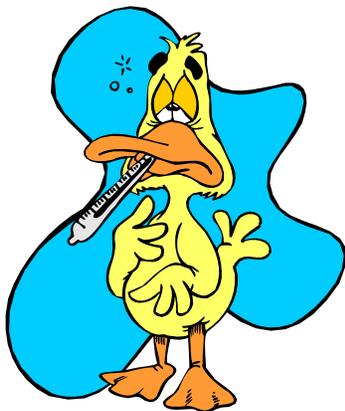
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What is Identity Theft, how will it impact me?

Identity theft is the theft of your personal information; name, address, social security number, and date of birth. Once the “thief” acquires your information they will begin to apply for new loans, open new credit card accounts in your name, and even change your address so that they can access even more information through service of your mail. The theft of your identity will impact your life for years to come.



How does one “acquire” my personal information and what do they do with that data?

- Stealing of your wallet/purse
- Steals your mail/transfer your address.
- Sift through your discarded garbage and mail obtaining old bank statements and discarded credit cards.
- Personal visit to your home; are your bills laying around?
- Buy your information from inside sources; employees, tellers, clerks, etc.
- Thieves will open new accounts under your name
- Thieves will establish a wireless phone service.
- Thieves will open an account and write worthless checks
- Thieves will purchase counterfeit personal checks with your account information and drain your accounts.
- Thieves will make purchases over the internet.
- Thieves will sell your account information to others for profit.

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My identity has been stolen; what do I do?

- Order a copy of your credit report and inform them you’re a victim of identity theft. The three credit bureaus will complete the phone tree.
- Notify the Federal Trade Commission and Fraud Alert on your accounts.
- Close all accounts that were fraudulently tampered with, cancel any checks or checking accounts if necessary
- Open new accounts, will be a bit more challenging with your filed identity theft notification.
- Dispute each purchase fraudulently made via phone then follow up with a written letter.
- Cancel your credit cards, again via phone, then follow-up with a written letter.
- File a police report and obtain a copy of that report for each of your creditors
- Keep your documentation organized with accurate records for any necessary court disputes.

