

IF YOU ARE VICTIM

Notify your financial institution to contact you if there is any unusual activity on your account. Change your PINs.

Contact police in the jurisdiction where the theft took place. File a report and keep a copy for yourself. Call your postmaster if you think the mail was used.

Call the fraud divisions of one of the credit reporting agencies and request that a "fraud alert" be placed on your name and Social Security number. Reporting fraud to an agency will require any company or creditor to contact you to authorize any new credit. Ask for copies of your reports. As a victim of identity theft, you'll get them free. Follow up your call with a letter and enclose a copy of the police report. By doing this, you are protected legally should the agencies fail to remove the crime from your record.

Call the creditors who opened accounts in your name. Inform them of the identity theft and close the accounts. Get copies of all transactions and applications on the accounts.

Contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-IDTheft. Request and file the ID Theft Affidavit that alerts companies and organizations that may have fraudulent accounts opened in your name.

To report identity theft, contact one of these credit reporting agencies:

TransUnion	800-916-8800 www.transunion.com
Experian	888-397-3742 www.experian.com
Equifax	800-685-1111 www.equifax.com

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline:
877-IDTheft (877-438-4338)

For online ID theft:
www.consumer.gov/idtheft/

To receive your free credit report by phone, mail or online:
annualcreditreport.com
or call 877-322-8228

Social Security statement request:
800-772-1213 or www.ssa.gov/

Identity Theft Resource Center (non-profit):
858-693-7935 or www.idtheftcenter.org

To report ID theft it is only necessary to call one credit reporting agency. Within 24 hours, each bureau will attach a fraud alert to your credit file. The single call also opts you out of all preapproved offers of credit or insurance for two years, and will get you a mailed copy of your credit file.

Compliments of:



Identity Theft



Don't let it happen
to You