



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS

If you are the victim of identity theft, you should immediately call the three national credit reporting organizations to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number. Identity theft involves setting up new credit lines or accounts. The fraud alert means any company that checks your credit is told your information has been stolen and they should contact you directly to authorize any new credit.

Equifax	1-800-525-6285	www.equifax.com
Experian	1-888-397-3742	www.experian.com
Trans Union	1-800-680-7289	www.tuc.com
Social Security Administration (fraud line)	1-800-269-0271	www.ssa.gov

Also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC can help victims of identity theft by providing information to assist them in resolving financial and other problems that can result from this crime.

FTC Identity Theft Hotline	1-877-438-4338	www.consumer.gov/idtheft
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Additional precautions you should take:

- Stop companies from sending you unsolicited prescreened credit offers by calling: 1-888-5-OPT-OUT or 1-888-567-8688.
- Before disposal, shred all documents containing personal and account information.
- Request free annual credit reports @ www.annualcreditreport.com.
- Carefully inspect all your financial statements for suspicious activity.
- Be careful at ATMs, watch for "shoulder surfers".
- Use the internet carefully, avoid "phishing" schemes, don't volunteer personal or account information in response to unsolicited emails.