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# **Identity Theft**

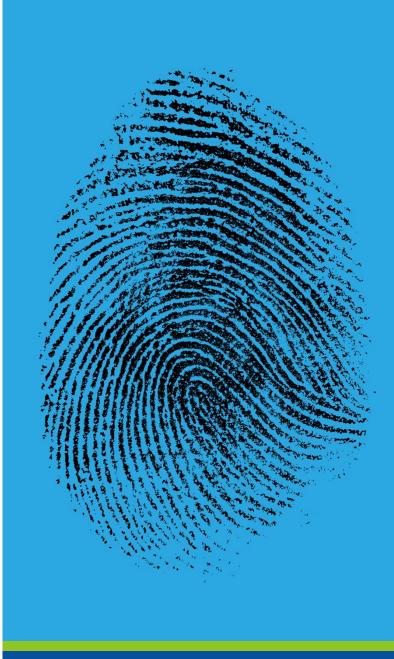
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Identity theft occurs when someone wrongfully obtains another's personal information without their knowledge to commit theft or fraud.



## **Types of Identity Theft**

- Taxes
- Medical
- Employment
- Child identify theft
- Estate
- Criminal
- Synthetic



## **Warning Signs and Actions**

#### **Detect Suspicious Activity**

- Your mail or bills don't arrive as expected.
- You receive unexpected credit cards or account statements.
- You receive calls or letters about purchases you didn't make.
- You are denied credit for no apparent reason.
- Review your financial accounts and statements regularly for charges you did not make.
- Monitor your credit reports through Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion at www.annualcreditreport.com.

# Defend Against Identity Theft as Soon As You Detect a Problem

 File a police report and keep a copy for creditors who may require one.

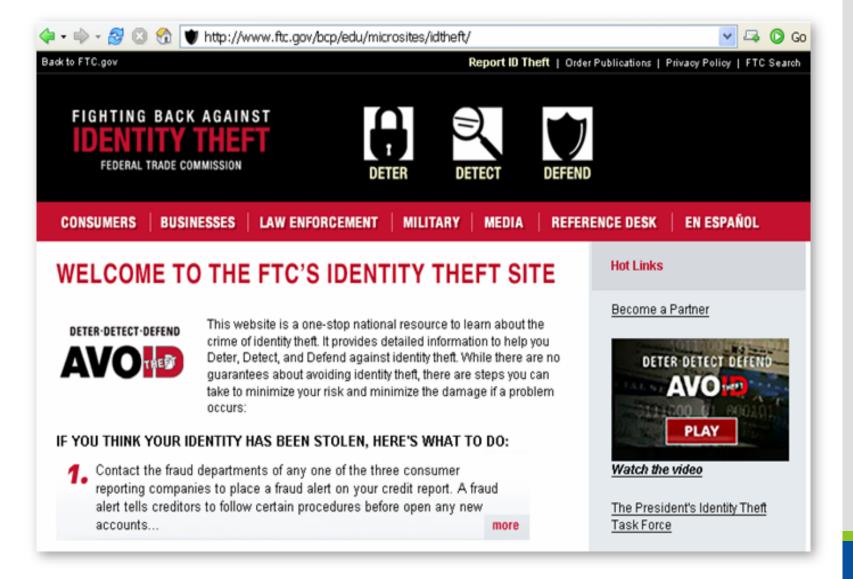
- Place a fraud alert on your credit report and review reports carefully.
- Freeze Credit
- Report your complaint to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/idtheft.
- Use an ID Theft Affidavit from www.ftc.gov/idtheft to support your written statement.
  - All major credit bureaus and large lenders accept this form as notice from you
- Keep copies of documents and records of conversations of the theft.
- Close accounts that have been tampered with or fraudulently opened.
- Ask for written verification that the disputed account has been closed and fraudulent debts discharged

### **Points of Contact and Sites**

- National Fraud Center www.ckfraud.org
- Do not call Registry <u>www.donotcall.gov</u> and 888-382-1222
- Opt Out of Pre-Approved Credit Offers -1-888-5-OPTOUT (888-567-8688)
- IC3 www.ic3.gov
- Credit Reports
  - Equifax 1-800-525-6285
  - Experian 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
  - TransUnion 1-800-680-7289



## **FTC Identity Theft Site**



### http://www.ftc.gov

Click on ID Theft Tab on left hand side of FTC Website Homepage



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