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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** - www.donotcall.gov 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

Back to FTC.gov | Report ID Theft | Order Publications | Privacy Policy | FTC Search

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

DETER **DETECT** **DEFEND**

CONSUMERS | BUSINESSES | LAW ENFORCEMENT | MILITARY | MEDIA | REFERENCE DESK | EN ESPAÑOL

WELCOME TO THE FTC'S IDENTITY THEFT SITE

DETER-DETECT-DEFEND
AVOID ID THEFT

This website is a one-stop national resource to learn about the crime of identity theft. It provides detailed information to help you Deter, Detect, and Defend against identity theft. While there are no guarantees about avoiding identity theft, there are steps you can take to minimize your risk and minimize the damage if a problem occurs:

IF YOU THINK YOUR IDENTITY HAS BEEN STOLEN, HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. Contact the fraud departments of any one of the three consumer reporting companies to place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures before open any new accounts... [more](#)

Hot Links

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AVOID ID THEFT
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[The President's Identity Theft Task Force](#)



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