

Tips to Avoid Identity Theft

Keep the following tips in mind to make sure that you don't become a victim:

- Check your credit report at least twice a year.
- Shred all personal documents with a crosscut shredder before you throw them out.
- Don't leave incoming mail in your mailbox overnight.
- Deposit outgoing mail that contains any personal information at the post office or other safe, closed location.
- When selecting your PIN, don't use information such as your birthday, social security number, phone number or address.
- Make a copy of everything in your wallet, front and back, and keep it in a secure location.
- Don't leave personal information in your vehicle.
- Always take your ATM or store receipts with you.
- Never give personal information over the phone to people you are not familiar with.
- Never open email attachments from people you do not know.
- Never shared personal information over email, even if you believe it's been requested by a legitimate company.

Contact Information

Federal Trade Commission
(877) IDTHEFT (438-4338)

Social Security Fraud Hotline
(800) 269-0271

Internet Fraud Complaint Center

Equifax
Order a report: (800) 685-1111
Report fraud: (888) 766-0008

Experian
(888) EXPERIAN (397-3742)

Trans Union
Order a report: (800) 916-8800
Report fraud: (800) 680-7289