

What To Do If Your Identity Has Been Stolen

2012 Bureau of Justice Identity Theft Report

- 16.6 Million cases of identity fraud in 2012
- Total Losses in 2012 = \$24.7 Billion
 - 187% increase since 2009 (\$13.2 Billion)
- 7% of US households reported identity fraud

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Most Common Ways Thieves Use Stolen Information

60% open a credit account

open a bank account **19%**

10% open a phone service account

open an internet service account **4%**

4% take out a loan

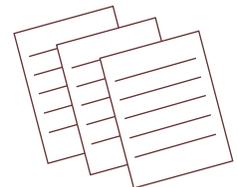
open an insurance account **2%**

1% other



Have you misplaced your driver's license, credit card, debit card, or social security card? You could be at risk for identity fraud. Take these 4 steps to protect yourself if you are at risk.

1 | Contact the 3 Credit Reporting Agencies



Contact each agency and ask to place an identity theft alert on your reports.

EQUIFAX

1-800-525-6285
www.Equifax.com

Experian

1-888-EXPERIAN
www.Experian.com

TransUnion

1-800-680-7289
www.TransUnion.com

2 | Contact Your Bank and Creditors



You can report stolen/missing cards, and any fraudulent activity on your statements. You can close/freeze any accounts that have been tampered with.

3 | Contact the Federal Trade Commission



File a complaint with the FTC and you will receive a document verifying that you are the victim. Fill out the ID theft affidavit.

www.FTC.gov | 1-877-ID-Theft

4 | Contact Your Local Police Department



File a report with local police. Your identity should be treated like any other stolen property. Document and report the theft to begin the investigation. Get a copy of the report as evidence for re-securing your identity and removing the fraudulent charges.