



How Can You Prevent Identity Theft?

Help curb identity theft in your community by starting at your own front door.

Be aware

Shred away

Go paperless

Update passwords

Stay in touch with your financial institutions and review financial statements

Stay up-to-date

Check your credit report

Report lost plastic cards

Trust your instincts



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Call 911 for an emergency or a crime in progress.

How Identity Thieves Obtain Your Information:



Email and phone phishing scams:

Identity thieves may impersonate your financial institution, doctor's office, the IRS, or other trusted organizations. They often ask to update or verify sensitive information or threaten legal action for bogus debts.

On your property:

Identity thieves may search through your trash for private documents and junk mail. Anything with your name and address on it can be used against you.

In public:

Thieves can obtain your PINs, passwords and other private information by watching over your shoulder or eavesdropping on phone calls.

What should you do if you're a victim of fraud?

If you've fallen victim to fraud, take immediate action:

Contact Your Financial Institution:

Notify them of the fraud and any suspicious activity.

File a Police Report:

Report the incident to your local police department.

Put a Hold on Affected Accounts:

Freeze any accounts or cards you believe could be at risk.



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