

FIGHT BACK AGAINST **IDENTITY THEFT**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



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AVOID THEFT

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Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.

- Shred documents with personal information before discarding
- Don't give out your Social Security number or other personal information unless you know who you're dealing with



Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.

- Inspect your credit reports, financial statements and bills regularly for activity you did not authorize or expect



Defend against ID theft as soon as you suspect it.

- Place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports
- Close the affected accounts
- File a police report
- Report ID theft to the FTC

For more information, visit [ftc.gov/idtheft](https://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)