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A lost or stolen purse or wallet is a gold mine of information for an identity thief.

If your purse or wallet is lost or stolen, the Federal Trade Commission suggests that you:



File a report with the police immediately.

Get a copy in case your bank, credit card company or insurance company needs proof of the crime.



Cancel each credit and charge card.

Get new cards with new account numbers.

Report missing cards to the major credit reporting agencies and place a fraud alert on your accounts:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian: 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289



Call your utility companies.

Tell them that someone may try to get new service using your identification.



Contact the Social Security Administration.

Call: 1-800-772-1213



Report the loss to your bank.

Cancel checking and savings accounts. Open new ones, and stop payments on outstanding checks.

Get a new ATM card, account number and PIN or password.



Report your missing driver's license to the department of motor vehicles.

Get a new number that's not your social security number.



Change the locks on your home and car if the keys were taken.

Don't give an identity thief access to even more personal property and information.



Contact your insurance companies.

Make sure no one tries to add themselves to your policies.