

Identity Theft Prevention Guide - 17 Prevention Tips to Protect Your Family

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Follow these Identity Theft Prevention Tips to **minimize your risk** of becoming a victim:

Carry **only** the identification information and the number of credit and debit cards that you'll actually need.

Keep your **personal information** in your home **secure**, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having service work done in your home.

Guard your **Social Security Number**. It can be used to open new accounts, credit cards, or even get a job in your name.

Cancel **unused credit card accounts**.

Do not carry your SSN card; leave it in a secure place.

Ask about information **security procedures** in your workplace or at businesses, doctor's offices, or other institutions that collect **personally identifying information** from you.

Order your **credit report** and monitor it often.

Remove your name from the **marketing lists** of the three credit bureaus to reduce the number of pre-approved credit offers you receive.

Buy a **crosscut shredder**. Shred all old bank and credit statements and credit card offers before throwing them in the trash.

Make copies of the contents of your wallet - in case your wallet or purse is stolen.

Do not leave mail with personal information in your **mailbox**.

Never give your credit card number, social security number, or other personal information over the phone **unless you trust** that individual and/or business.

Protect your personal information on your computer by installing a **firewall** and updating your **virus protection**.

Do not print your Social Security or Driver's License number on you checks.

Carefully examine the charges on your credit card and **bank statements**.

Place passwords on your credit card, bank, and phone accounts.

Subscribe to an **identity theft prevention service** that will notify you whenever someone tries to assume your identity.

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