

Identity Theft Protection - Not Protecting Yourself From Identity Theft Can Cost You a Fortune

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According to many experts, identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes meaning more and more of us will fall victim to this modern day type of theft. With so much of our information out there in the public realm, it is more important than ever to minimize the amount of personal information unauthorized people have access to in order to keep your identity safe.

There are a few things you can do to protect yourself from identity theft. One of the simplest solutions is to purchase a shredder. Ideally it will be able to shred not only paper but also credit cards, CDs and larger items. However a basic paper shredder is a must as a bare minimum. You can purchase a small shredder for around \$35 - \$30 dollars, which is a small price to pay to keep your info safe.

We all get a ton of junk mail which includes all sorts of personally identifying information. Be sure to shred that information instead of simply throwing it in the trash as is. That way, you can prevent identity thieves that carry out dumpster diving from getting access to info they could use to steal your identity.

In addition, shred any receipts you hold on to, specifically those transactions where you used a credit card. The same goes for pay stubs you no longer need, bank statements, old tax returns and utility bills...pretty much anything that could be used to identify you.

Another simple thing you should do, and one that we should all do for a number of reasons besides identity theft, is get a copy of your credit reports and review them at least once a year. You should get credit reports from all three credit bureaus since each report might contain slightly different information. You can do this free of charge once a year or simply pay a small fee to get your credit report at any time.

You want to keep an eye out for accounts you don't use, that you don't recognize or for an increased number of inquiries on your credit reports.

Finally, there are several services that provide identity theft monitoring, where they will monitor your credit report and other information and let you know each month if there were any changes. This can be a great way to put your identity theft protection on autopilot. That way, you can rest assured that if anything does happen, you'll be aware of it soon enough to take the appropriate steps to minimize the damage. STOP: Don't become the next victim of identity theft, putting you and your family at risk. Avoid a lifetime of frustration because someone stole your identity by learning more quick and easy steps you can take to help you avoid identity theft. Get started right now by visiting us at: <http://www.WaysToPreventIdentityTheft.com>