

What Do I Do If I Become a Victim of Identity Theft?

Credit Bureaus:

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Equifax	Experian	Trans Union
P.O. Box 105873	P.O. Box 949	P.O. Box 390
Atlanta, Ga. 30348-5873	Allen, Tx. 75013-0949	Springfield, Pa. 19064-0390
Credit 1-800-997-2493	Credit 1-888-397-3741	Credit 1-800-916-8800
Fraud 1-800-525-6285	Fraud 1-888-397-3742	Fraud 1-800-680-7289
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.tuc.com

Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

Contact the FTC and file a report either through the FTC web site (www.consumer.gov/idtheft) or by telephone 1-877-ID-THEFT.

Obtain an "Identity Crimes Affidavit" and complete it. It will be useful when notifying merchants, financial institutions, credit bureaus, and it will assist the police.

FTC's free 34-page identity theft guide, "When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," available by phone and www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm

Law Enforcement:

Contact your local police department, file a report and obtain a case number. Most credit and financial institutions will require that you make a police report.

Assisting Law Enforcement with Your Case:

Newark Police Department

Phone: (973) 733-6000

Essex County Prosecutors Office-Official Corruption and Economic Crimes Section Phone: (973)

Additional web sites:

U.S. Dept. Of Justice, identity theft info, www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html

U.S. FBI, identity theft information, <http://norfolk.fbi.gov/1999/ident.htm>

Mari Frank's Identity Theft Prevention and Survival Tools including Safeguard Your Identity: (800) 725-0807. Web: www.identitytheft.org

Fight Identity Theft, www.fightidentitytheft.com

Identity Theft Resource Center

Phone: (858) 693-7935

Web: www.idtheftcenter.org

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Phone: (619) 298-3396

Web: www.privacyrights.org

Test your identity theft risk factor, www.privacyrights.org/itrc-quiz1.htm

Compilation of Identity Theft Surveys

Web: www.privacyrights.org/ar/idtheftsurveys.htm