



## **Tips...Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft**

1. **INVEST IN A SERVICE** for you and your spouse that offers credit reports, continuous credit monitoring, and identity restoration. **A SHREDDER** for personal or financial documents.
2. Prevent pre-approved credit card offers from being sent to you by calling **888-5-OPT-OUT**.
3. Do not put outgoing bills or mail containing checks in a home mailbox or blue curbside mailboxes. Mail letters inside the post office or hand them to a carrier.
4. Keep track of all purchases. Receipts in your wallet – not in the bag or on the bag. Read your credit card and bank account statements thoroughly. When in doubt, pay cash.
5. Do not use checks that show a phone number, Social Security number or driver's license number.
6. Holiday shopping on-line: Protect your computer with Spy Sweeper, AVG, Zone Alarm (examples)
7. Clean out your wallet, purse, and glove box. Select one or two credit cards. Do you need your checkbook? **Do not carry your Social Security card.**
8. Never provide your personal information over the phone to charities, credit card companies, or banks requesting acct info
9. Watch cashiers: credit card swiped once, get card back quickly and not out of your sight.
10. If you believe your identity has been stolen, report the crime to police in the jurisdiction in which it took place, call your credit card company to dispute fraudulent charges and contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

### ***A SERVICE THAT PUTS THE EXPERTS ON YOUR SIDE: IDENTITY THEFT SHIELD***

The identity theft shield provides  
credit reports, credit score, continuous credit monitoring and identity restoration

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