

Stolen Identification Information

In order to steal a person's identity, a name, birth date and social security number are needed, however, it has been done with less.

If you are the victim of a theft involving your personal identification information, the following is a list of suggestions that should be done to help prevent financial and identity theft.

- ❖ File a police report in the jurisdiction in which the ID was stolen. Follow up and request a copy of the report to show proof of the crime.
- ❖ Notify banks and other creditors if checks/checking account numbers and/or credit cards/credit card numbers were stolen to close accounts.
- ❖ Contact the nation's three credit-reporting companies:
Equifax 1-800-525-6285 Experian 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion 1-800-680-7289

Once you call one of the companies above, the other two will automatically be notified. Request that a "fraud alert" be placed on your credit report. This means that no new credit will be issued without a call to your home or work phone number to verify you are the person requesting credit.

Identity Theft

If at some point you become aware that you are the victim of identity theft (which could take months to discover), contact the Apache Junction Police Department (480-982-8260) to file a report and the Federal Trade Commission (1-877-ID-THEFT or www.ftc.gov) to file a complaint and receive or download an ID theft affidavit form. Notify the local postal inspector if you suspect mail theft, which is a federal offense.

If you believe your social security number is being misused, call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or email at oig.hotline@ssa.gov.



480-474-5442

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