

Suggested steps to take if you are a victim of identity theft:

1. Immediately call your credit card companies. Tell them the situation and ask where you can send them a copy of the police report.
2. Call the police and report the incident. When you get the police report, you'll want to make several copies. Then you need to complete a Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ID Theft Affidavit and an FTC report. See the contact information below for an easy way to get these forms.
3. Call your bank. They can assist with check processing and place an alert on your Driver's License and Social Security Number.
4. Call the fraud units of the credit reporting agencies: Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. Their contact information is below.

Keep this contact information handy:

Federal Trade Commission

ID Theft Line and Websites:

1-877-438-4338

www.consumer.gov/idtheft/

www.ftc.gov

Social Security Administration Fraud Line:

1-800-269-0271

Credit Reporting Agencies:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com

Experian: 1-888-397-3742; www.experian.com

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com

Having access to a computer makes it a lot easier to get help and to fill out Federal Trade Commission forms.