

QUICK TIPS ON PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST ID THEFT!

- Do not put your Social Security number on any documents, unless it is legally required.
- Talk with your attorney regarding documentation to be submitted to the Register of Deeds office for recordation. Make sure you follow-up so personal information like social security numbers and financial accounts are not submitted on public record.
- Personal checks. Do not order checks with your Social Security Number or Driver's License Number on them.
- Check your credit report several times a year to make sure it doesn't have unfamiliar accounts.
- Shred or burn papers with credit card or bank account numbers, Social Security numbers, etc.

IDENTITY THEFT TELEPHONE HOTLINE NUMBERS

If you are a victim of identity theft, call the fraud hotline for one of the three major credit-reporting agencies. As part of a new plan, the other two will be notified:

- Equifax - (800) 525-6285
- Experian - (888) 397-3742
- TransUnion - (800) 680-7289

You can file a complaint:

Federal Trade Commission - (877) 438-4338;

Other government ID theft hotlines:

- Social Security Administration - (800) 269-0271
- Internal Revenue Service - (800) 829-1040
- Federal Trade Commission Toll Free Hotline

1-877-IDTHEFT

LINKS

[Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft website](#)

[Most Common Forms of ID theft" graph from
Federal Trade Commission](#)

[Identity Theft and Your Social Security Number](#)

[Social Security Administration Online](#)

[US Secret Service](#)

[US Department of Justice \(Identity Theft section\)](#)

[Presidential Press Release on the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003](#)

[Identity Theft Prevention and Survival website](#)

[Privacy Rights Clearinghouse](#)

[US Postal Service](#)

[Better Business Bureau](#)