

FOUR IMPORTANT TIPS...

TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT!



“...probably everyone has already been a target of ID theft even if you just don’t know it yet... Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the US.”*

Following are four things you should do to protect yourself from identity theft:

1. Contact Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion and freeze your identity. This will prevent criminals that have gotten your information from opening credit cards and taking out loans in your name.
2. GET RID OF YOUR DEBIT CARD! There is no protection if your account is emptied. Credit cards have a limit of \$50 that you are responsible for.
3. Never give out your Social Security number without a REALLY good reason, thus minimizing possibility of it being stolen. If you must supply a number use your drivers license number. Banks, Insurance companies, and government agencies are the only organizations that you must supply a social security number.
4. Do not carry your Medicare card with you as it shows your Social Security number. Photocopy it, and black out your SSN.

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