

10) Order a copy of your Credit Report

- This report is free if you are a victim of Identity Theft, or if you have been denied credit in the last 60 days. In New Jersey you are entitled to one free copy annually, even if you have not been rejected for credit. Any time you make an application for a loan of any type, you are entitled to the credit report which is run on you.
- **Equifax 1-800-685-1111**
- **TRW/Experian 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)**
- **TransUnion 1-800-888-4213**

If you would like to prevent your credit report from being sold, Write to:

Equifax

P.O. Box 740123 Atlanta, Georgia 30374

TRW/Experian

P.O. Box 919 Allen, Texas 75013

TransUnion

P.O. Box 97328 Jackson, Mississippi 39238

If you would like to opt out of pre-approved credit card offers, Call: 1-888-567-8688.

REMEMBER!!

- Immediately make telephone notifications and follow up all telephone calls with a letter. Be sure to keep a copy of all letters for your personal records.
- To prevent Identity Theft - follow the advice in our pamphlet **Identity Theft: Ways to Prevent it from Happening to You** to minimize your risk of it happening again.
- If you have been a victim of Identity Theft, you can call the **Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft Hotline toll-free at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)**. The FTC puts your information into a secure consumer fraud database and may, in appropriate instances, share it with other law enforcement agencies and private entities, including any companies about which you may complain.
- Visit the Federal Trade Commission's web site at **www.consumer.gov/idtheft**.

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REPORTING IDENTITY THEFT

STEPS TO REPORT IDENTITY THEFT:

1) Immediately report the crime involving Identity Theft to your local Police Department preferably in person or by telephone.

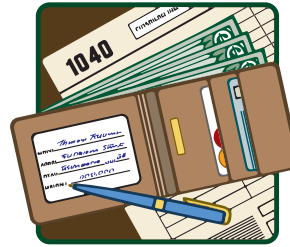
- Obtain a written copy of the police report, so that you can include this with your written notification letters as set forth below.

2) Credit Cards

- Immediately notify your credit card companies, i.e. Visa, Mastercard by telephone.
- Follow up your telephone call with written notification. Include a copy of the police report.
- If you need a copy of your creditors (names, addresses and telephone numbers) you can obtain this information from a credit bureau's credit report.
- The U.S. Secret Service has jurisdiction on credit card frauds. Notify the local field office of the U.S. Secret Service. Their telephone number is (973) 984-5760.

3) Banks

- Immediately report the crime to your bank.
- Alert them if any checks have been stolen.



4) Driver's License

- Call the State Division of Motor Vehicles in Trenton at (609) 292-6500 to report your Driver's License stolen.

5) Social Security Number

- Fraudulent use of your Social Security number requires a call to the Social Security administration at 1-800-269-0271.

6) Passport

- Notify the Somerset County Clerk's Office at (908) 231-7009 if your passport has been lost or stolen.

7) U. S. Post Office

- Notify the local postmaster immediately if you suspect a false address is being used.
- Explain why you suspect a false address is being use and ask that they put you in touch with the postal inspectors or notify the U.S. Postal Inspectors through their website at www.usps.gov/postalinspectors.

8) Credit Reporting Bureaus - Immediately report the crime to the below listed credit reporting bureaus by telephone:

- Equifax 1-800-525-6285
- TRW/Experian 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
- TransUnion 1-800-680-7289

9) Once you have called, immediately report the crime to the credit reporting bureaus listed below in writing.

- Provide appropriate information, including credit card numbers. Also include a copy of the police report.
- **Equifax**
P.O. Box 740250 Atlanta, Georgia 30374
- **TRW/Experian**
P.O. Box 1017 Allen, Texas 75013
- **TransUnion**
P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, California 92634

