



If you have been a victim of Identity Theft or have had your wallet/purse stolen with important information (such as Social Security Cards, Driver's License, Credit/Debit Cards, etc.) then please follow the below procedures:

- Contact your local police department and file a report
- Make sure to get a copy of your police report and/or the case number
- Contact the Department of Public Safety/Department of Motor Vehicles in the state where your license was issued. <http://bmv.ohio.gov/>
- Notify all creditors of your stolen credit cards.
- Notify your banks/credit unions.
- Contact the Social Security Administration at <http://www.ssa.gov/>
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission to inquire if someone has applied for credit in your name. <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

Tips to protect your Identity

- Shred all statements, receipts, etc., that has identifiers and account information.
- Never give information over the telephone or internet unless you initiated the conversation or you know who you're dealing with.
- Remove extra information from your checks. Make the clerk or cashier ask for identification when your checks are used.
- Ensure all carbon copies from credit cards are destroyed.
- Check credit history and bank records frequently.
- Minimize the number of credit/debit cards that you carry in your wallet or purse in the event that it is stolen.

Credit Bureau Information

If your identity has been stolen, contact the following credit reporting agencies and request a "fraud alert" be placed on each credit report. Also, request a copy of your free credit report to compare against your own records regarding what accounts may have been opened fraudulently.

Equifax: www.equifax.com

Experian: www.experian.com

Trans Union: www.transunion.com