

Resources

Identity Theft... What is it?

Identity theft is a criminal offense. It occurs when a person knowingly transfers or uses, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit or to aid or abet any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of federal law or that constitutes a felony under any applicable state or local law.

Identity theft occurs when a person steals key pieces of personal identifying information belonging to another person, which may include their name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and mother's maiden name, to gain access to that person's financial accounts.

Local Law Enforcement:

- Non-Emergency Dispatch 704-2740
- Olympia Police Department 753-8300
- Lacey Police Department 459-4333
- Tumwater Police Department 754-4200
- Thurston County Sheriff's Office 786-5500

Credit Reporting Agencies:

- Equifax Credit Bureau
(800)525-6285/www.equifax.com
- Experian Information Solutions
(800)397-3742/www.experian.com
- Trans Union Credit Bureau
(800) 680-7289/www.tuc.com

Federal Govt. Agencies:

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
1(877)-IDTHEFT www.consumer.gov/idtheft
- Olympia Area Post Offices (800) 275-8777
- US Postal Inspection (800) 773-7226
- Social Security Administration Fraud Line
(800) 269-0271
- US Secret Service www.secretservice.gov

Deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind persons can access the above numbers through relay (711).

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When Bad Things Happen
To Your Good Name

Are you a victim or potential victim of Identity Theft?

**Safeguards
For
Identity
Theft
Prevention**

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The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.

Identity Theft... What to do.

- Call local police, or if the crime involved the U.S. Mail, contact your nearest U.S. Postal Inspection Service Office.
- Close all affected accounts.
- Call the fraud units of the three major credit bureaus and request a “fraud alert” be placed on your account. (See “Resources” for information).
- Order copies of your credit report to check whether any fraudulent accounts were opened without your knowledge or consent.
- Contact your local banks and creditors by phone and in writing, and report the crime. Ask if they have a fraud department you can speak with.
- Contact your financial institutions and request that they flag your accounts. Instruct them to contact you immediately if there is any unusual activity on your accounts.
- File your complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC also has counselors available for assistance.
- Record the names and phone numbers of people with whom you discussed your case and retain all original reports and supporting documents.

Tips:

- Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately.
- Memorize your Social Security number, passwords and pin numbers, and don't use your date of birth as your password.
- Never leave transaction receipts at ATM machines, financial institutions or at gas pumps.
- Don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate.
- Don't disclose credit card information on websites, unless the web site offers a secure transaction.
- Contact your financial institution for information on a personal firewalled account for internet use.
- Beware of mail and telephone solicitations.
- Watch your monthly statements and bills.

***The less personal information
you carry, the less you can
lose.***

Good Advice for Everyone:

- Order your credit report annually (it's free!) – annualcreditreport.com or 877- 322-8228.
- Password protect all accounts.
- Don't provide personal information to anyone unless you're absolutely sure about who you're speaking with; be suspicious and protective.
- Monitor bank, billing and credit statements for discrepancies.

**Take steps in protecting
your future and identity...Safeguard your personal information...Don't
let someone ruin your
good name.**

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