



IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- Don't carry your social security card!
- If you have your social security number on your driver's license, go to the Department of Motor Vehicle and have it removed. There is a small fee.
- Don't carry your health insurance card unless you need it for that particular day!
- Don't carry your check book. Carry only the checks you know you will write that day!
- Don't carry any cards with your social security number on them such as; military dependent card, Medicare card, etc. Take them out of your "hiding place", only when you will use them that day.
- Carry only one credit card and one debit card on your person!
- Pick up your mail promptly!
- Don't put bills with checks in your mail box! Use the blue U.S. Postal mail boxes.
- Buy a cross cut shredder. Shred everything you receive in the mail after you are done with the document, this includes magazine labels or anything with a bar code!
- If you receive any phone call or e-mail requesting any personal information, hang up the phone! Your account holders, banks, and credit card companies have this information and would never request it.
- Don't give out any personal information to anyone through the internet, unless you initiate the contact!
- Check your credit card and bank statements carefully for discrepancies, on line, daily, if possible. If reviewing written statements, shred them!
- When ordering any product over the phone or internet, use your credit card, not your debit card. The debit card is your bank account!