

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Secure your hard copies
- Choose strong passwords
- Be cautious of suspicious emails and websites
- Examine your financial statements
- Protect your computer
- Use Two-Factor Identification
- Avoid public Wi-Fi

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IDENTITY THEFT INFORMATION

HPD Case #: _____

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WHAT IS IDENTITY THEFT?

Identity theft involves acquiring key pieces of someone's identifying information such as name, address, date of birth, social security number, in order to impersonate them.

This information enables the identity thief to commit numerous forms of fraud which include but are not limited to, taking over a victim's financial accounts, opening new bank account, purchasing cars, applying for loans, credit cards and social security benefits.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM:

According to the United States Department of Justice you should take these steps

- Call the companies in which fraud has occurred
- Place a fraud alert on your credit report
- Report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
- File a police report at your local agency
- Change passwords for every account and email address
- Get in touch with your utility and telephone companies to inform them of your situation
- Replace your driver's license, as thief may be using your ID number

RESOURCES

California Victims of Crime
1-800-777-9229
victims.ca.gov

Equifax
1-800-397-3742
www.experian.com

Experian
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

Trans Union
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

Federal Trade Commission
1-877-438-4338
www.ftc.gov/idtheft

**Internet Crime Complaint
Center**
www.ic3.gov

