

This Is Serious Business



IDENTITY THEFT

**What You Need
to Know!**

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY!

- S-** Be Stinky with your personal information.
- C-** Check your financial information regularly.
- A-** Ask periodically for your credit report. See addresses below.
- M-** Maintain careful records for your bank and financial accounts.

Things to protect- credit cards, ATM cards, pin numbers, driver's license, social security number, bank accounts, retirement accounts, income tax returns, passwords, birth date, credit card numbers etc.

For more information see this website.

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html>

Opt-out of marketing phone calls, call 888-567-8688 or write

P.O. Box 97328, Jackson, MS 39239 OR www.optoutprescreen.com

TIP'S

- ◆ Photocopy the contents of your wallet, including both sides of each license and credit card.
- ◆ Don't sign your credit cards; instead write "Photo ID required".
- ◆ Only write the last four numbers of your credit card on your check when paying your credit card bill.
- ◆ Order personal checks with your first two initials, not your first name. (J.P. Garcia).

ACT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM!

1. Start a journal of events **immediately**, listing dates, times, names of companies and people you have talked to. **YOU** must be active in every step of this process; don't think that someone else is going to do this for you.
2. Call your Police Department. File an Identity Theft Report.
Escondido Police Department - 760- 839-4722.
3. File a report with the Federal Trade Commission - 877-438-4338.
4. If mail fraud is suspected, contact your local U.S. Postal Office.
5. Report all credit cards and identification cards stolen.
6. Department of Motor Vehicles - 800-777-0133.
7. Report this identity theft to Social Security Administration
334 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos - 760-940-6864.
8. Write to the following credit bureaus advising them of this identity theft;
 - ◆ Experian, P.O. Box 1017, Allen, TX 75013 - 888-397-3742
 - ◆ Equifax, P.O. Box 740250, Atlanta, GA 30374 - 800-525-6285
 - ◆ Trans Union, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA - 800-680-7289

