



If Identity Theft Happens To You

- Report the identity theft immediately to one of the credit reporting agencies and ask them to place a fraud alert on your account. The alert will remain on your report for about 90 days, unless you choose to extend the alert or request a security freeze. If you call one agency, they will forward the fraud alert to the others.

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289 or www.transunion.com

Equifax: 1-888-766-0008 or www.equifax.com

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

- Fill out the ID Theft Affidavit online at the FTC site and send it to each credit reporting agency and to any affected creditors immediately: Call 1-877- 438-4338 or go to www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.
- Consider putting a security freeze on your credit report. Information on security freezes can be obtained at our web site at www.bouldercounty/da.org or call for a copy of the information.
- Close any affected accounts and stop payment on any stolen checks. Consider putting additional layers of security on any accounts that might be vulnerable.
- Do not use the same passwords and personal identification numbers that were on the compromised accounts -- choose new ones.
- Notify the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles if your driver's license has been stolen at www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv click on "Fraud" or by phone at 303-442-3006.



- Contact the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where the crime was committed. A report will be taken and that law enforcement agency will investigate, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 16-5-103. This statute also provides for a victim to petition the court with jurisdiction to make a factual finding of innocence, and that court order, along with the police report, may be necessary to file with credit reporting agencies, etc.
- If your checkbook has been stolen notify your financial institution and check approval agencies:

Telecheck, 1-800-710-9898, www.telecheck.com

Certegy, Inc., 1-800-437-5120, www.certegy.com

- Notify the postal inspector and your carrier if mail is involved at www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov or by phone at 1-877-876-2455.
- Call the Social Security fraud hotline 1-800-269-0271 or visit www.ssa.gov if you believe your Social Security information has been compromised.
- If an identity thief has used your personal information to create tax problems, call the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490, or go to their website at www.irs.gov/advocate.
- For more information visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.ftc.gov. Report Internet fraud to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Community Protection Division

303-441-3700