If Identity Theft Happens to You

Report to law enforcement:
- Louisville Police, Boulder County Sheriff: call (303) 441-4444.

Report to financial institutions:
- If the crime involved your credit card, debit card or bank account, report to your financial institution right away. Stop payment on any stolen checks. Your financial institution may suggest closing accounts and opening new ones.
- Choose new passwords and personal identification numbers for all accounts. Consider putting additional layers of security on any accounts that might be vulnerable.

Report to credit reporting agencies: report the identity theft, place a fraud alert, request a credit report and a credit freeze:
- TransUnion: 1-888-909-8872 or www.transunion.com
- Equifax: 1-800-349-9960 or www.equifax.com
- Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or www.experian.com

Report to agencies involved:
- Driver’s license: Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles: www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/identity-theft for information and instructions.
- U.S. Mail: If your mail was stolen, report to the U.S. Postal Inspector and your mail carrier: www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov or call 1-877-876-2455.
- Social Security number: If your Social Security number has been compromised, report to the Social Security Administration: www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213.
- Tax forms/return: Internal Revenue Service: www.irs.gov/advocate or call 1-800-908-4490.
- ID theft perpetrated over the Internet: FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.ic3.gov.

Consider these additional steps and resources:
- Report to the FTC at www.identitytheft.gov. A number of agencies accept the FTC Affidavit as verification of identity theft, but the Affidavit does not take the place of a police report.
- Colorado law allows a victim of identity theft to petition the court to make a factual finding of innocence. That court order, together with a police report, may be requested by credit reporting or other agencies. www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/Forms_List.cfm?Form_Type_ID=36
- The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has a 24 Hour Identity Theft and Fraud Hotline at 1-855-443-3489. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Call the Community Protection Division with questions (303) 441-3700