

How Can You.....?

OPT OUT OF PRE-APPROVED CREDIT LISTS

Call: (888) 5OPTOUT (567-8688)

Removes your name from pre-approved credit lists compiled by Equifax, Experian and Trans Union.

REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM DIRECT MAIL LISTS

E-mail: www.the-dma.org

Write:

Mail Preference Services
Attn: Preference Services Manager
Direct Marketing Association
P.O. Box 3079
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163-3079

REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM TELEPHONE LISTS

E-mail: www.the-dma.org

Write:

Telephone Preference Services
Attn: Preference Services Manager
Direct Marketing Association
P.O. Box 3079
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163-3079
E-mail: www.e-mps.org

REPORT STOLEN OR FRAUDULENT USE OF YOUR CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS

Contact your bank or credit card issuer and close your bank account or credit card account immediately.

GET MORE INFORMATION ON IDENTITY THEFT

Identity Theft
Resource Center
www.idtheftcenter.org
Privacy Rights
Clearinghouse
www.privacyrights.org



Sample "Courtesy Notice"

(Date)

Dear (Creditor Name/Collection Agency Name):

On (date), I received your letter demanding payment of (\$\$ amount). I did not open this account and incur this unpaid balance. Someone, other than myself, wrongfully used my personal information to obtain a line of credit/service. Your company extended a line of credit/services to someone other than myself. Your company is a crime victim and should file a police report with the appropriate jurisdiction(s).

You are hereby notified that on (date), I filed an identity theft report with the Los Angeles Police Department. The case number (#) is _____. For information on obtaining a copy call LAPD Records at (213) 485-XXXX.

(Closing),

(Your name and address)

Call the fraud units of each of the three credit bureaus to report Identity Theft. Ask to have a "Fraud Alert/Victim Impact" statement placed in your credit file asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts.

Identity Theft Report-Los Angeles Police Department

An Identity Theft report shall be taken by an officer of the Los Angeles Police Department from a victim of Identity Theft when he/she resides in the City of Los Angeles. The victim of Identity Theft will receive a copy of the police report as per Penal Code 530.6(a) and will be notified by the assigned detective.

LAPD Identity Theft Hotline:
(213) 486-5920
Metropolitan Los Angeles
(213) 847-3777 ext. 2200

In Case of Emergency Dial 911

For non-emergencies, you may contact the Los Angeles Police Department at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired.

You may also obtain additional crime prevention information by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department's Web site at www.lapdonline.org and click on "GET INVOLVED."

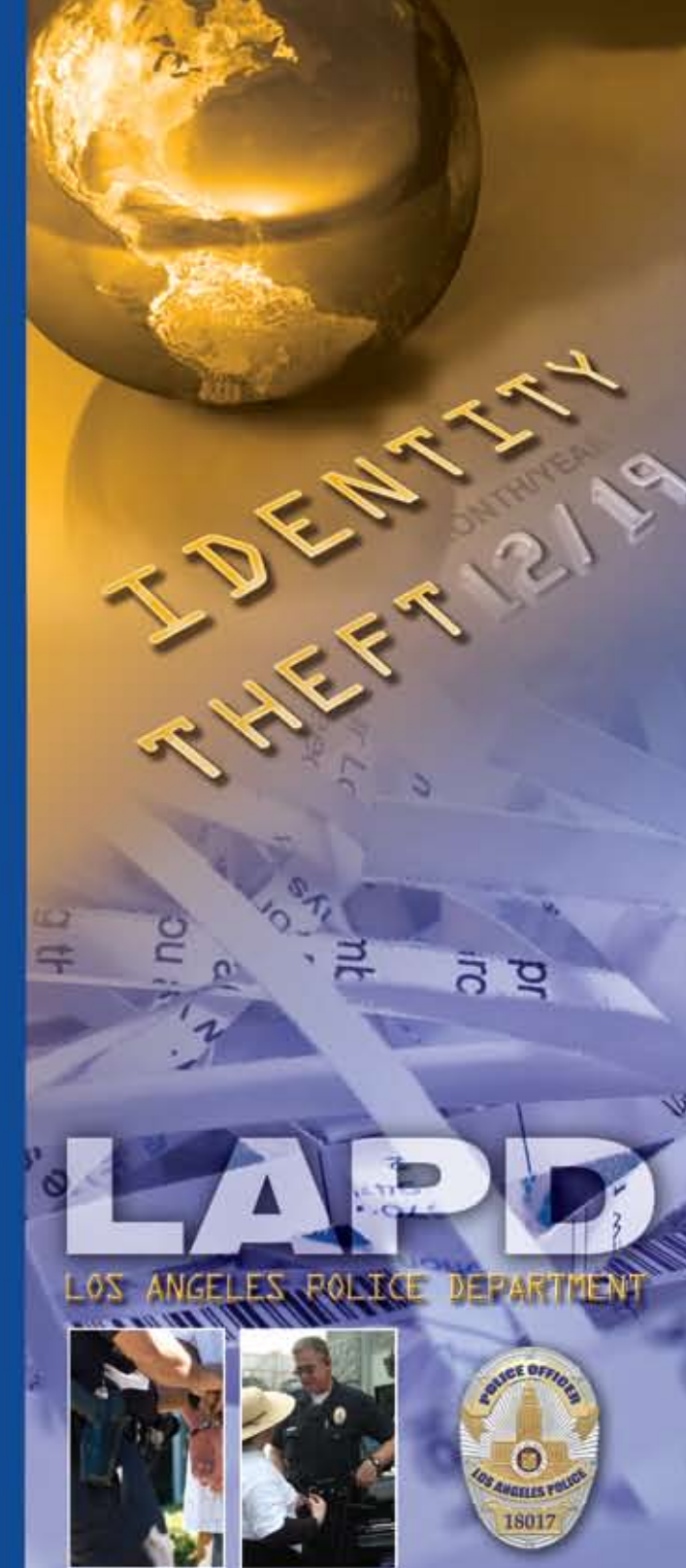
Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or criminal activity, please contact your local police station or the LAPD crime hotline at 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855).

WWW.LAPDONLINE.ORG
WWW.JOINLAPD.COM



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California Penal Code 530.5

(A) Every person who willfully obtains personal identifying information, as defined in subdivision (b), of another person, and uses that information for any unlawful purpose, including to obtain, or attempt to obtain credit, goods, services, or medical information in the name of the other person without the consent of that person, is guilty of a public offense.

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 and mother's maiden name, in order to impersonate an individual. This information enables the identity thief to commit numerous forms of fraud which include, but are not limited to, taking over the victim's financial accounts, opening new bank accounts, purchasing automobiles, applying for loans, credit cards, Social Security benefits, renting apartments, and establishing services with utility/phone companies.

What to do if you become a victim:

Set up a folder to keep a detailed history of this crime.

Keep a log of all your contacts and make copies of all documents.

Contact all credit companies by phone and writing in order to inform them of the problem.

Notify the United States (US) Postal Inspector if your mail has been stolen or tampered with:

US Postal Inspection Service: (626) 405-1200
US Postal Inspection Service – Local Post Office
(See phone listing under Federal Government)
www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect

Federal Agencies That Address Identity Theft

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)
www.fbi.gov

The FBI investigates federal identity theft cases. If you believe your identity has been stolen, call your local FBI field office. Local FBI field offices are listed in the Government section of your White Pages telephone directory.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)
www.consumer.gov/idtheft

The FTC is the federal clearinghouse for identity theft complaints. The FTC provides government agencies with the information it receives from identity theft victims. If you believe your identity has been stolen, contact the FTC at the telephone number listed below or call your local FTC field office. Local FTC field offices are listed in the Government section of your White Pages telephone directory:

Call: (877) IDTHEFT (438-4338)
TDD: (202) 326-2502
Write:
Identity Theft Clearinghouse
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20580

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)
www.treas.gov/irs/ci

The IRS administers and enforces federal tax laws. If you believe someone has assumed your identity to file fraudulent federal tax returns or to commit other tax fraud, contact the IRS Criminal Investigation Informant Hotline at the telephone number listed below or call your local IRS field office. Local IRS field offices are listed in the Government section of your White Pages telephone directory.
Call (800) 829-0433

Contact all creditors by phone and in writing to inform them of the problem.

CREDIT BUREAUS
EQUIFAX www.equifax.com
To order your credit report:
Call: (800) 685-1111
Write:
Equifax
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
To report fraud:
Call: (800) 525-6285
Write:
Equifax
Fraud Assistance
P.O. Box 10569
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069

EXPERIAN www.experian.com
To order your credit report:
Call: (888) EXPERIAN (397-3742)
Write:
Experian
P.O. Box 2104
Allen, TX 75013-9530



TRANS UNION www.tuc.com
To order your credit report:
Call: (800) 916-8800
Write:
Trans Union
P.O. Box 34012
Fullerton, CA 92834-4012

To report fraud:
Write:
Trans Union
Fraud Victim Assistance Department
P.O. Box 6790
Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

If you have any checks stolen or bank accounts set up fraudulently, report it to the following companies:

National Check Fraud Service (843) 571-2143
TeleCheck (800) 710-9898
Cross Check (707) 586-0551
Equifax Check Systems (800) 437-5120
International Check Services (800) 526-5380
SCAN (800) 262-7771

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