



Identity Theft Victim Information Handout

Victims of Identity Theft or Lost/Stolen/Counterfeit/Compromised Checks or Credit Cards should take the following steps:

1. Contact your bank, financial institution or other institution where a fraudulent affected, close the account and complete Affidavits of Forgery/Fraud for all unauthorized charges or fraudulent accounts (most banks, financial institution or collection agencies will request a Police Report and Case Number)
2. Complete a Police Report in your home jurisdiction or where the crime occurred (In Colorado, the jurisdiction in which you live is required to complete a report under House Bill 04-1134) Reports Titled (in Denver):

Lost/Stolen checks

Lost, stolen, compromised, counterfeited checks or unauthorized charges on a checking or saving account.

Lost/Stolen FTD

Lost stolen, compromised. Internet or any unauthorized charges on a Credit, Debit or Quest card.

Identity Theft

Person knowingly using another person's personal identifying information, financial information, financial identifying information or financial device without permission or lawful authority to obtain cash, credit, property, services, or any other thing of value or to make a financial payment.

3. Notify the following agencies (if applicable)

Equifax	Fraud Line 1-800-525-6285 (check your credit and put a Fraud Alert on your name and SS#) www.equifax.com
Experian	Fraud Line 1-888-397-3742 (check your credit and put a Fraud Alert on your name and SS#) www.experian.com
Trans Union	Fraud Line 1-800-680-7289 (check your credit and put a Fraud Alert on your name and SS#) www.tuc.com

Police Department/Department of Public Safety
Financial Crimes Unit
1331 Cherokee Street | Denver, CO 80204
www.denvergov.org/police
p. 720.913.6752

Federal Trade Commission

ID Theft Hotline 1-877-438-4338 or <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>

IRS Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft>

Social Security Fraud Hotline 1-800-269-0271 (if your SS# involved for the purpose of working) <https://oig.ssa.gov/> or 1-877-438-4338 to report identity theft and a get a recovery plan

Colorado Department of Revenue (if your License or ID is involved)

<https://dmv.colorado.gov/fraud/identity-theft>

Postal Inspector (if mail is involved) find your local inspector at:

<https://www.uspis.gov/report/>

Colorado Attorney General (website for victims of Identity Theft)

<https://www.stopfraudcolorado.gov/fraud-center/identity-theft.html>

Colorado Bureau of Investigation

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cbi/identity-theftcyber-crimes>

4. Follow up with a second credit-check at a later time and monitor accounts.

Minimize risk by:

- Shredding trash (checks, junk mail and personal documents) with a cross cut or confetti shredder
- Secure your mail and remove from mailbox as often as possible
- Minimize financial and personal information carried on person or in public especially your SS#
- Do not leave purses/wallets unattended in vehicles or in public
- Opt Out of credit card solicitations
- **Do not give personal or account information via phone/internet or in person to anyone unless it is necessary and you know who you are speaking to and you made the contact.**

Be aware of scams such as Colorado Lotto Scam, Canadian Lotto/Sweepstakes scam, Jamaican Switch, EBay/Craigslist and similar scams, check cashing scams, repair scams and phishing