

12 Tips to Safeguard Your Identity



Protect yourself and your family with IDProtect™

Tip 1. Remove your name from pre-screened credit offers at www.optoutprescreen.com or call 1-888-567-8688.

Tip 2. Add your telephone number(s) to the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

Tip 3. Remove your name from individual Direct Mail Association Member mailing lists at www.dmachoice.org.

Tip 4. Place an alert on your credit file if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft. Call 1-800-525-6285 or visit www.fraudalerts.equifax.com.

Tip 5. Request your free credit report through www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

Tip 6. In addition to contacting credit bureaus, request a credit report and place a fraud alert at www.innovis.com. Click on the Personal Services Tab to get a credit report and place an alert on your file.



Tip 7. Check your Social Security Statement of earnings and benefits each year to make sure no one is using your Social Security number for employment. Visit www.ssa.gov/mystatement to request a copy.

Tip 8. Register your email address at www.IDProtectMe247.com to receive free email reminders to renew your fraud alerts and reorder your credit reports.

Tip 9. Avoid carrying Social Security cards, birth certificates, passports and extra cards. If you carry a health care card and your Social Security number is used as your ID number, ask if it can be changed.

Tip 10. Protect your debit and credit cards by registering them at www.IDProtectMe247.com.

Tip 11. Avoid using unsecured mailboxes. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox. Deposit outgoing mail containing personal information at your local post office. If you can't pick up your mail, contact the U.S. Postal Service at 1-800-275-8777 or www.usps.gov to request a vacation hold.

Tip 12. Stay informed by visiting the Identity Theft News Center at www.IDProtectMe247.com.