



# Identity Theft

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## ***Steps To Take If You Become a Victim of Identity Theft***

1. Immediately report unauthorized activity/charges on your account to your financial institution and/or creditors.
2. Close any accounts that have been opened without your permission or compromised by an identity theft. Cancel affected credit and debit cards and get replacements.
3. File a police report and obtain a case number.
4. Complete the Identity Theft Packet, available at the Reception window in the Greenwich Police Department lobby. Include supporting documents that may aid in an investigation.
5. Contact the three primary credit reporting bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) to report unauthorized activity/charges, request a copy of your credit report, and place a "Fraud Alert" or freeze on your credit records.
  - Equifax: [www.Equifax.com](http://www.Equifax.com), 1-800-525-6285
  - Experian: [www.Experian.com](http://www.Experian.com), 1-888-397-3741
  - TransUnion: [www.TransUnion.com](http://www.TransUnion.com), 1-800-680-7289
6. Change Personal Identification Numbers (PINs).
7. If your social security number is compromised or if you are a victim of tax-related identity theft:
  - Contact the IRS: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), 1-800-908-4490.
  - File IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, with the IRS to report your identity theft and have accounts with questionable activity flagged ([www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf)).
  - Complete IRS Form 8821, Tax Information Authorization, if you need to authorize the release of your confidential information to persons or organizations to aid in prosecutions or to recover losses ([www.irs.gov/form8821](http://www.irs.gov/form8821)).
  - File an identity theft complaint with the Federal Trade Commission ([www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov)).

8. Obtain copies of documents associated with fraudulent charges and activity.
9. Put a “stop payment” on all lost checks.
10. Keep a written log of calls and copies of correspondence and expenses associated with case.
11. Visit these websites to get more information on identity theft:

US Postal Service: [www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)

Federal Trade Commission: [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov)

Department of Justice: [www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/identity-theft/identity-theft-and-identity-fraud](http://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/identity-theft/identity-theft-and-identity-fraud)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC): [www.fdic.gov/consumers/theft/](http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/theft/)