

If you are a victim of Identity Theft, the following information & checklist will assist you recovering from the experience.

- Obtain your credit reports and analyze them.** You are entitled to a Free Report from each of the major credit bureaus every year. More information is available at www.AnnualCreditReport.com You may want to place a credit freeze & fraud alert on your credit profile. The major credit bureaus and phone numbers are: Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 | Experian: 1-888-397-3742 | TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289
- The **Federal Trade Commission** provides an excellent online tool to assist you with the process of recovering from identity theft, it can be found at: www.IdentityTheft.gov **Make sure to follow its instructions.**
- Contact all your banks, credit cards issuer and banking institutions** and make them aware of your situation. You may want to obtain replacement cards with new numbers. If you do, make sure to update any auto-payment accounts you may have connected to your previous card numbers.
- Contact your creditors and make them aware you have been a victim of identity theft**, follow instructions for their institutions if required.
- For accounts you find in your credit reports that are not yours, you may want to contact those businesses and have them send you a letter confirming such account does not belong to you, you are not liable for the charges and they will not report such account on your credit reports.**
- Obtain a police report from your local police station.**
- You may want to contact and follow instructions from the following entities:
 - United States Postal Service (<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>)
 - U.S. Secret Service (www.secretservice.gov)
 - Social Security Number Fraud Hotline 1-800-269-0271
 - Social Security Department 1-800-772-1213
 - Lost or Stolen Passports 1-877-487-2778
 - Contact your local DMV and follow instructions, specially if your Drivers License or ID has been compromised.
- Consider starting an Online Credit Monitoring Service** to keep up with any changes as soon as they happen, even free ones can help.

Tips: Act promptly and diligently. It is important to **keep really good records of your progress and all your activities concerning recovering from Identity Theft**, especially if you need to communicate with creditors, credit bureaus and other institutions, make sure to **do it in writing and mail correspondence via USPS Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested.**

Should you need any assistance with Identity Theft Recovery, Contact Us Today...