What To Do if Your Information was Lost, Stolen, or Part of a Data Breach

IdentityTheft.gov can help you report and recover from identity theft.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Tell us what happened.

We'll ask some questions about your situation. Tell us as much as you can.

Get a recovery plan.

We'll use that info to create a personal recovery plan.

Put your plan into action.

If you create an account, we'll walk you through each recovery step, update your plan as needed, track your progress, and pre-fill forms and letters for you.

Contact: Federal Trade Commission, Credit Bureaus, SSA, and Your Banking Institutions.

- Report to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338. Visit https://www.identitytheft.gov/ to report identity theft, get a recovery plan, and put your plan into action.
- Contact the three major credit reporting agencies. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts. Experian, TransUnion, Equifax
- Contact the fraud department at your credit card issuers, bank, and other places where you have accounts.

IRS ID Theft Protection Unit:	www.irs.gov	or call 1-800-908-4490
Federal Trade Commission	www.ftc.gov	or call 1-877-438-4338
Social Security Administration	www.ssa.gov	or call 1-800-772-1213
Equifax:	www.equifax.com	or call 1-800-525-6285
Experian:	www.experian.com	or call 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion:	www.transunion.com	or call 1-800-680-7289

How to check, freeze, and monitor your credit

Check your credit report to see if an identity thief has used your information.

- Get your free credit reports from AnnualCreditReport.com.
- Review the reports, and if you see an account or debt you don't recognize, contact the company and ask about it. If someone used your information to open a new account or make a purchase, report it at IdentityTheft.gov and learn how to dispute the information on your credit report.

Freeze your credit to make it harder for someone to use your information.

A credit freeze keeps people from getting into your report. While a freeze is in place, nobody can open a new credit account. There is no cost to place the freeze or to temporarily lift the freeze if you need to apply for new credit.
If you're concerned about identity theft, you can also place a free, one-year fraud alert by contacting one of the three credit bureaus. A fraud alert makes it harder for someone to open a new credit account in your name because a business has to verify your identity before they open an account.