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Identity Theft

Identity theft or identity fraud is the taking of a victim's identity to obtain credit and credit cards from banks and retailers, steal money from a victim's existing accounts, apply for loans, establish accounts with utility companies, rent an apartment, file bankruptcy, or obtain a job using the victims name. To prevent this from happening to you, here are some helpful tips:

- ❖ Do not give out personal information over the phone, through mail, or over the internet unless self initiated
- ❖ Shred all personal documents or documents with your information on it
- ❖ Do not use personal information for passwords
- ❖ Do not carry your social security number, birth certificate, passport etc... unless necessary
- ❖ Be careful of onlookers at A.T.M's
- ❖ Do not put your social security number or phone number on checks

Additional Links:

[National crime prevention council](#)

[Deterrence Guidelines](#)

[USA.gov](#)