



IDENTITY THEFT

Someone gets your personal information and runs up charges in your name.

They might use your Social Security or Medicare number, your credit card, or your medical insurance - along with your good name.

Here are signs that someone is using your identity:

- You get bills for things you didn't buy or services you didn't use.**
- Your bank account has withdrawals you didn't make. You don't get bills you expect.**
- You check your credit report and find accounts you never knew about.**



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Here's what you can do to help protect from IDENTITY THEFT:

- **Protect your information:**
 - Shred documents before you throw them out,
 - Give your Social Security number only when you must,
 - Use strong passwords online.
- **Check your monthly statements and your credit:** Read your account statements and explanations of benefits. Be sure you recognize what they show.
- **Once a year, get a FREE copy of your credit report:** You can do so by going online to [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling 1-877-322-8228. The law entitles you to one free report each year from each credit bureau. If you see something you don't recognize, deal with it right away.