

## Report Identity Fraud & Identity Theft

If you have not already done so, report the fraud to the following organizations:

1. Each of the three national consumer reporting agencies. Ask each agency to place a fraud alert on your credit report, and send you a copy of your credit file. When you have completed your affidavit packet, you may want to send them a copy to help them investigate the disputed accounts.

**Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc.** - (800) 525-6285/ TDD 800-255-0056. Ask the operator to call the Auto Disclosure Line at 800-685-1111 to obtain a copy of your report. P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241. www.equifax.com

Experian information Solutions, Inc. - (888) 397-3742/ TDD (800) 972-0322. P.O. Box 9530, Allen, TX 75013. www.experian.com

Trans Union - (800) 680-7289/ TDD (877) 553-7803. Fraud Victim Assistance Division. P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634-6790. www.transunion.com

- 2. The fraud department at each creditor, bank, or utility/service that provided the identity thief with unauthorized credit, goods or services. This would be a good time to find out if the company accepts this affidavit, and whether they require notarization or a copy of the police report.
- 3. Your local police department. Ask the officer to take a report and give you a copy of the report. Sending a copy of your police report to financial institutions can speed up the process of absolving you of wrongful debts or removing inaccurate information from your credit reports. If you cannot get a copy, at least get the number of the report.
- 4. The FTC, which maintains the Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse the federal government's centralized identity theft complaint database and provides information to identity theft victims. You can visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft or call toll-free 877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338).

The FTC collects complaints from identity theft victims and shares their information with law enforcement nationwide. This information also may be shared with other government agencies, consumer reporting agencies, and companies where the fraud was perpetrated to help resolve identity theft related problems.

5. Other governmental agencies or services, such as:

**Postal Inspection Service** – Contact the Postal Inspector at your local post office in the event you believe your mail was stolen or redirected. www.usps.com.

**Social Security Fraud Hotline** - Call this hotline (800-269-0271) in the event you suspect someone is using your Social Security number for fraudulent purposes.

**Department of Motor Vehicles** – Contact your local department of motor vehicles (DMV) if you believe someone is trying to obtain a driver's license or identification card using your name and information. www.dmv.org.

<u>NOTE</u>: In addition to the above recommendations, please carefully review all of your accounts, related statements and all charges and transactions. You should continue this review process over a reasonable period of time since identity theft takes time to completely resolve. You should immediately report any discrepancies.

## Other Resources

Identity Theft Resources Center www.idtheftcenter.org Privacy Rights Clearing House www.privacyrights.org The National Fraud Information Center www.fraud.org/