

What to do if you are a victim

1. Contact any of the three credit bureaus.

- Place a fraud alert on your credit reports, and review them for inaccuracies or unknown credit requests.

2. Close all accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with.

- Call your creditors or financial institutions to notify them that your accounts may have compromised.

3. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

- Call 1-877-ID-THEFT or complete their Online Complaint Form on www.ftccomplaintassistant.com.
- Provide a printed copy of your Online Complaint Form to the police to incorporate with the police report. (These documents can constitute an Identity Theft Report and entitle you to certain protections.)

4. File a report with the local police.

- The report will lend credibility to your case, when dealing with creditors, who may require proof of criminal activity.
- Be sure to keep a copy for yourself .

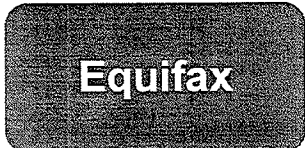
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Contact all three major credit bureaus below and place a fraud alert on your file. There are two types of fraud alert, an **initial alert** and **extended alert**.

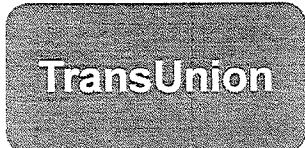
- In some cases, you may want to consider a “security freeze”, which is stronger than a fraud alert (only available in California and 11 other states).



- Call 1-888-397-3742
- www.experian.com



- Call 1-800-525-6285
- www.equifax.com



- Call 1-800-680-7289
- www.transunion.com

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Handling other types of theft and whom to contact:

Tax fraud:

Contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490.

Passport fraud:

Contact the United States Department of State through www.travel.state.gov/passport.

Phone fraud:

Contact your service provider to cancel the account.

Social Security fraud:

Contact Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271, in cases of welfare or employment fraud or if you suspect someone is using your Social Security number.

Investments fraud:

Brokerage accounts have different protections than a checking or savings account. Contact your brokerage firm immediately or file a complaint with the SEC.

Mail fraud:

Notify the local postal inspector.