

## **IDENTITY THEFT**

What to do if you or someone you know is a victim of Identity Theft

Step One: Place a fraud alert on your credit reports

• Fraud alerts help prevent an identity thief from opening more accounts in your name

Step Two: Order free copies of credit reports to review

• To place a fraud alert & review credit reports call one of the following:

Equifax P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 1-800-525-6285 TransUnion Fraud Victim Assistance Division P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834 1-800-680-7289 Experian P.O. Box 9532 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

## Report identity theft to the following:

Peabody Police
Social Security
Post Office
Federal trade commission
978-531-1212
1-800-269-0271
978-531-6666
1-877-438-4338

TTY: 1-866-653-4261

Personal credit card companies

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## Are your ducks in a row?



Do you know what steps you should take if your Social Security number has been compromised? The IRS recommends you:

- · File a police report
- File an FTC complaint (Federal Trade Commission)
- Contact one of the three credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your account:
  - www.Equifax.com 1-800-525-6285
  - www.Experian.com 1-888-397-3742
  - www.TransUnion.com 1-800-680-7289
- Close any financial accounts opened without your permission.
- . Respond immediately to any IRS notice, according to instructions.
- Complete IRS <u>Form 14039</u>, Identity Theft Affidavit.
- Continue to your file tax return, even if by paper.

For more information, visit the IRS Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft.