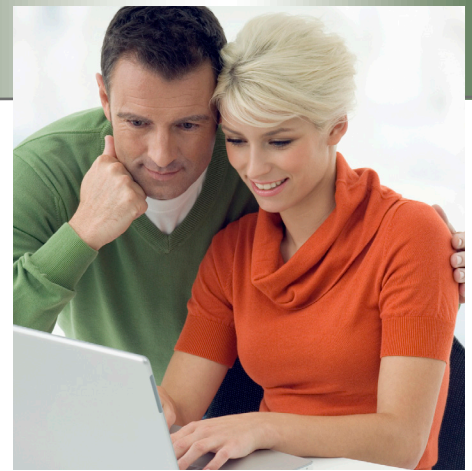


# Top 10 Tips

## Protect Yourself Against ID Theft

Many Americans believe that identity theft only happens to people with credit or social security cards; this simply isn't true. While it is impossible to totally eliminate the risk of becoming a victim, here are a few tips to help "you" remain the only "you" out there.



### Protect Yourself

1. Protect your social security number. Ask questions when asked to provide it. "Is there another form of ID that I can provide?"
2. Photocopy front and back of all cards you carry in your wallet and store that information in a safe place.
3. Never routinely carry your social security card, passport, or birth certificate in your wallet or purse.
4. Shred your confidential trash with a cross cut or diamond cut shredder.
5. Give no personal information to anyone from an unsolicited computer, telephone or personal contact.
6. Subscribe to a true identity theft restoration company versus a re-imbursement or credit monitoring service. There is a big difference!
7. Ensure your computer is protected with a firewall, and against viruses and spyware. Encrypt wireless networks.
8. Order your credit reports at least three times per year (free) [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)
9. Monitor financial accounts daily and report any unusual activity immediately.
10. Don't leave outgoing mail with personal information in your mailbox for pick-up.

### Identity Theft Protection Should Provide:

- Protection in ALL facets of ID Theft
- Real-Time Monitoring
- Credit Restoration
- Legal Council

For more information, visit [www.idtsoa.com](http://www.idtsoa.com).

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### Report Internet Fraud:

[www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

### Key Numbers:

FBI

(202) 324-3000 or your local field office

FTC

1-877-IDTHEFT

Postal Inspection Service

1-877-876-2455

IRS

1-800-829-0433

Social Security Administration

1-800-269-0271

### Top 3 credit repositories:

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SVCS

(800) 685-1111 [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

EXPERIAN

(888) 397-3742 [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

TRANS UNION

(800) 916-8800 [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

### Remove your name from lists:

[www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)

[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) (1-888-382-1222)

### Stop preapproved credit card offers:

1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688)