



*The District Attorney's
Disaster Response Team says:*

DON'T BE A VICTIM!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR IDENTITY HAS BEEN STOLEN

Whether they are posing as disaster relief workers or government officials, contacting you by telephone or on the Internet, or stealing your purse or wallet, scam artists have lots of ways to get your personal information. If you think someone has stolen your identity, act *now*:

- ✓ **Call or write all three credit bureaus to report fraud and request that information be deleted from the report.** Provide them with supporting documentation of the fraud. Ask them to place a fraud alert on your credit report. The fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts.

EQUIFAX

www.equifax.com
800 525 6285
PO Box 740241
Atlanta GA
30374-0241

Experian

www.experian.com
888 3973742
PO Box 949
Allen Tx
75013-0949

Trans Union

www.tuc.com
800916 8800
PO Box 6970
Fullerton CA 92634

- ✓ **Close the accounts** that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- ✓ **Notify your bank, credit union and stores where you may have accounts** of the suspected fraud.
- ✓ **File a report with the police** in your community or the area where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the report or at the very least, the number of the report, to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of the crime.
- ✓ **File your complaint with the Federal Trade Commission**, which maintains a database of identity theft cases used by law enforcement agencies for investigations.
- ✓ **If someone used your Social Security number to apply for a job**, call 1-800-772-1213. You can request a copy of your reported earnings and ensure that your name is accurately reported.

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REPORT SUSPECTED IDENTITY THEFT

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The District Attorney's Disaster Response Team is a network of Mobile County's leading financial institutions, business and professional organizations, government agencies and law enforcement officials working together to help protect victims of Hurricane Katrina. We urge all our citizens to remain vigilant, to protect themselves, and to report all suspected crime as we repair and rebuild Mobile County in the coming months.

-- District Attorney John M. Tyson Jr.