



NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN

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TOP TEN TIPS TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

1. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A LOCKED SECURED MAIL BOX
2. USE A CROSS-CUT SHREDDER TO DESTROY PAPERS YOU NO LONGER NEED THAT CONTAIN SENSITIVE OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.
3. DO NOT CARRY YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD WITH YOU, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT HAS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON IT.
4. CHECK YOUR CREDIT ONCE A YEAR. CHECK ALL THREE MAJOR CREDIT BUREAUS LISTED BELOW
 - a. TRANS UNION: 1 800 888-4213
 - b. EXPERIAN: 888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
 - c. EQUIFAX: 1-800 685-1111
5. REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PRE-APPROVED CREDIT CARD OFFERS YOU RECEIVE. CALL 1 888-5-OPTOUT TO PERMANENTLY GET OFF THE CREDIT BUREAUS LIST FOR UNSOLICITED CREDIT AND INSURANCE OFFERS.
6. KEEP CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IN A LOCKED PLACE.
7. GUARD YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. ASK FOR CREDIT CARDS WITH YOUR PICTURE ON IT.
8. DO NOT LET YOUR CREDIT CARD OUT OF YOUR SIGHT WHEN MAKING PURCHASES, MAKE SURE IT IS NOT BEING SWIPED A SECOND TIME ON TO A SCANNER THAT IS STORING YOUR INFORMATION.
9. CANCEL ANY OLD CREDIT CARDS YOU NO LONGER USE. CUT UP THE CARD AND ASK FOR A WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH ZERO BALANCE. IF YOUR CARD IS LOST OR STOLEN NOTIFY THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY.
10. AVOID USING PIN NUMBERS FROM EASILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION SUCH AS BIRTH DATES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CRIME PREVENTION QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE 114 CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT 718- 626-9324

N.Y.P.D. TOLL FREE TERRORISM HOTLINE

REPORTS MAY BE MADE ANYTIME TO 1-888-NYC-SAFE OR 1-888-692-7233

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