

# Tips to Avoid Identity Theft

[Identity theft](#) is a crime which affects millions of people from different parts of the globe. If you don't want to be a victim of identity theft, you should know the best safety measures to protect yourself from this growing crime.

There are several tips you may take for consideration when avoiding identity theft and some of them are as follows:

## **Tip #1: Consider an Identity Theft Protection Service**

Numerous companies offer [credit monitoring services](#) to help anyone protect themselves from identity theft. Such services are available at reasonable rates. Depending on your preferences, you can choose any identity theft service provider that offers top notch solutions.

## **Tip #2: Keep All Your Personal Documents in a Safe**

If you have important documents, it is always a wise idea to keep a personal safe for your home and a safety deposit box anywhere. You may utilize your safe at home for protecting items including social security card, passport, and birth certificate.

## **Tip #3: Protect Your Wallet or Purse at All Times**

If you are buying purses, choose the ones that can be closed shut or zipped. Try not to make use of bags that some can easily reach into or see. Also, keep bags close to your body with tight grip all the time. Don't leave purses or wallets in the car and if possible, don't leave these exposed and never keep them in an obvious place.

## **Tip #4: Photocopy Every Content of Your Wallet**

It is also a good idea to make copies of your ID cards, credit cards, and other personal documents that you usually keep in your wallet. In addition to that, keep records of all phone numbers to contact in case you have to order replacement items or close accounts.

## **Tip #5: Remove Yourself from Any Promotional Lists**

If you don't want to end up with stolen identity, start removing yourself from promotional lists including pre-approved credit card and junk mail lists. This added clutter does not do any good. In fact, you just put yourself at risk of identity theft if the stranger gets their hands on pre-approved cards.

## **Tip #6: Examine All Your Bank Account Statements**

If you want to ensure that your bank accounts are all safe, always examine all your bank account statements regularly. If you bank accounts have unauthorized charges, never hesitate to call your chosen bank immediately.

### **Tip #7: Never Reveal Personal Information to Unverified Sources**

Regardless if it's over the internet or the phone, don't reveal personal information to any unverified sources. Never feel pressured to answer questions if you don't trust the source. Also, feel free to make a request for verifying information before giving any information.

### **Tip #8: Shred All Sensitive Documents Before Throwing Them Away**

Before throwing your personal documents, consider shredding them first. Dumpster diving is said to be a common way of stealing personal information. Buy shredders for your home or office and ensure that you destroy any paperwork that contain personal details before you discard them. This includes credit, statements, mail, and even receipts.

Considering those [tips above can help you avoid identity theft](#). Implementing them on your daily routine will allow you to save your personal information from this growing crime.

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