

## **Protect Yourself Right Away!!**

1. Notify the credit reporting agencies and put a fraud alert on your accounts. This will help stop new accounts being started in your name. You only have to notify one agency, and they will notify the other two. Keep in mind; this must be renewed every 90 days.

Transunion  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

Experian  
1-888- (397-3742)  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

Equifax  
1-800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

2. Order a copy of your credit report. Review your credit report to ensure it is accurate. If there are credit accounts you did not establish, someone may have opened accounts in your name. Call the creditor to close the accounts and find out if there has been criminal activity. If there are inaccurate addresses on your accounts, notify the creditor and the police.
3. If your credit cards are being used, notify your credit card companies so they can freeze future activity. Keep track of who you speak with and keep your reference or claim number. While speaking with them, get additional information to help the police identify the criminal.
4. If someone has obtained your personal information, they may use multiple credit cards. Be proactive; contact other creditors to help stop other fraudulent activity.
5. If checks or your checking account are being used fraudulently, notify your bank. Consider closing your checking account, and getting a new account. Keep track of who you speak with and keep your reference or claim number. While speaking with them, get additional information to help the police identify the criminal.