

# FIGHT BACK AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

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**AVOID** THEFT

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### **Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.**

- Shred documents with personal information before discarding
- Don't give out your Social Security number or other personal information unless you know who you're dealing with



### **Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.**

- Inspect your credit reports, financial statements and bills regularly for activity you did not authorize or expect



### **Defend against ID theft as soon as you suspect it.**

- Place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports
- Close the affected accounts
- File a police report
- Report ID theft to the FTC

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