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Coping With ID Theft

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Summary:

ID Theft is a crime that can have devastating effects on the victim's financial wellbeing. How

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Article Body:

Identity theft can be hugely damaging to a victim's credit rating, as their file will invariably

The most immediate and urgent step to take is to close all your accounts that you either know

You should first request closure of your accounts by telephone, speaking to a representative of

Any replacement accounts you open should at the absolute minimum have different account numbers

Next, you should place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting the three major national

Having an initial alert on your file will make any credit applications made in your name be sus

The next kind of alert is known as an 'Extended Alert'. This kind of alert stays on your file

Your details will also be removed from pre-screened credit offers marketing lists for a period

Hopefully these steps will prevent any further fraud being committed in your name, so now it's

The final step is to report your case to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help them build

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