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What is identity theft?

Identity theft occurs when someone steals your identity and impersonates you in order to obtain

You may not know when it happens. One day you may be turned down unexpectedly for a loan, get

What are the effects of identity theft?

On average, identity theft is not discovered until 14 months after the crime has occurred. By

How does identity theft happen?

Criminals steal personal information, such as Social Security numbers, driver's license number

Methods with which criminals gain access to your identity online: Pose as your bank or utility

How do I protect myself from identity theft?

Prevention is the first step in battling identity theft. To minimize the risk of someone's stealing

- Be very careful in giving out your credit card, social security number, bank accounts and other

- Do not give personal information or account numbers to anyone claiming to be from your degree

- Know what type of student financial aid you are applying for (e.g. loans, grants) and the amount

- Immediately report the suspected theft or loss of a key identification document such as a driver's

What should I do if I become a victim of identity theft?

First, contact the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus. Request that a

Remember to close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraud

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