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What Can Happen to You as a Victim of Identity Theft, Facts & Figures

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The effects of identity theft are much greater than most people suspect. Victims can spend year

Identity theft is a serious crime. The Federal Trade Commission reports identity theft as its

How can you tell if you are a victim of identity theft? There are some clues. First, it's impo

Identity thieves may change the address on one or more of your bills, so make sure you know wh

Also take note if you are getting phone calls from debt collection agencies, credit department

And finally, when applying for a line of credit, be aware of your credit standing. If you know

Once your identity has been stolen and your credit has been damaged, the long process of regain

In the meantime, the criminal with your personal information may:

- Go on a shopping spree with your credit or debit card account numbers. Thieves may a
- Open credit or checking accounts in your name with your SSN and date of birth. As th
- Have your credit card statements sent to a phony address. Without the bills as a ref
- Take out loans in your name for big purchases, such as a new car.
- Set up telephone or internet service in your name.
- Avoid the responsibilities of debt or an impending eviction by filing bankruptcy usi
- Give your name to police when being arrested. If the criminal is released on bond bu
- If you have need to contact the three main credit bureaus, go to [www.apscreen.com](http://www.apscreen.com) <h

Protecting yourself against identity theft takes a little extra time, but in comparison to the

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