
**FINDLAY TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I D E N T I T Y T H E F T

**INFORMATION AND
REPORTING GUIDELINES**



Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal or financial information to make purchases, file taxes, get benefits, or commit fraud.

If you believe you've been the victim of identity theft:

Go to identitytheft.gov, and click "Get Started."

You will receive detailed advice to fix problems caused by identity theft, as well as the ability to:

- get a personal recovery plan that walks you through each step
- update the information and track progress
- print pre-filled letters and forms to send to credit bureaus, businesses, banks, and debt collectors

There is also detailed advice regarding over thirty types of identity theft.

Follow the Identity Theft Checklist provided on the following page.

Identity Theft Checklist

- Call the companies where the fraud occurred, report the fraud, and ask that they close or freeze your accounts to prevent further fraudulent activity.
- Change logins, passwords, and PINs for your accounts
- Place a fraud alert by contacting one of the three credit bureaus. You only have to contact one, and that company must notify the other two.
 - **Experian.com/help**
888-EXPERIAN (888-397-3742)
 - **TransUnion.com/credit-help**
888-909-8872
 - **Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services**
800-685-1111
- Go to **annualcreditreport.com** and obtain a free credit report. Check the report for any transactions you don't recognize.
- Go to **IdentityTheft.gov** to report the identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission.
- If the identity theft was possibly committed via the internet, go to **IC3.gov** to report the incident to the Internet Crime Complaint Center.