

## HELPFUL IDENTITY THEFT INFORMATION

This document is designed to help you take action to prevent problems which could result from the loss of any of the following items or from any resulting identity theft.

### **IF YOUR KEYS WERE TAKEN:**

For your protection, change or re-key whichever locks need to be changed.

### **IF YOUR CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS WERE TAKEN:**

Notify your bank if you have not already done so. Then call one of the three credit reporting bureaus to report the loss and/or ask them to put a FRAUD ALERT on your account so no new credit will be issued without contacting you.

Experian  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

Trans Union  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.tuc.com](http://www.tuc.com)

Equifax  
1-800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

### **IF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD WAS TAKEN:**

Call the Social Security Administration FRAUD HOTLINE to notify them of the loss and get information on how to get a duplicate card.

SSA Fraud Hotline

1-800-269-0271

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **IF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE WAS TAKEN:**

Apply for a new license and "flag" your license as stolen at the DMV (Identity Theft).

Driver Evaluation

651-296-2025

[www.dvs.dps.state.mn.us/  
dlservices](http://www.dvs.dps.state.mn.us/dlservices)

### **IF NEW CHECKS OR CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS:**

Call the U.S. Postal Inspectors about mail being falsely forwarded.

USPS Inspection Services

1-800-372-8347

[www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)

Local Inspector (St. Paul)

1-651-293-3200

### **IF YOUR STOLEN CHECKS OR CARDS HAVE BEEN USED:**

Contact the banks and/or businesses that accepted your checks or cards to notify them of the fraud and offer to sign any affidavits of forgery as needed. Encourage the banks and businesses to pursue charges against any suspects identified.

**IF SOMEONE HAS STOLEN YOUR IDENTITY TO GET NEW CREDIT:**

Call the Sheriff's Office and make an identity theft report. In Minnesota, identity theft becomes a crime only when the victim (person or business) suffers a monetary loss. Also, call the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline to notify them and get advice on how to proceed.

FTC ID Theft Hotline

1-877-438-4338

[www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

**OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION:**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

[www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

SCAMWATCH

[www.scamwatch.com](http://www.scamwatch.com)

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

[www.privacyrights.org](http://www.privacyrights.org)

FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center

[www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

US Department of Justice

[www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft](http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft)

**TO GET A FREE COPY OF YOUR CREDIT REPORT:**

[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM BEING VICTIMIZED:**

- Don't put your driver's license # on your checks. This makes it easy to get a false ID made.
- Keep all credit card receipts safe. Many criminals use numbers off receipts to defraud.
- Shred credit card offers you get in the mail. Thieves steal mail and trash to get these.
- NEVER give your personal information out to someone calling you. Make changes only when you call, and remember, Card Fraud Investigators or banks will never call and ask you for your number and expiration date.

Stearns County Sheriff's Department

320-259-3702

Wright County Sheriff's Department

763-682-7622

Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department

320-214-6700

Meeker County Sheriff's Department

320-693-5400