

Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen To Your Name

A collection agency demands payment for products you did not buy. Your credit card statement is 18 days overdue. Your bank turns down your application for a home equity loan. These could be signs that criminals are committing fraud using your identity. It's called "identity theft," and police say it can happen to anyone anywhere.

Audience members will learn how identity thieves steal mail and trash to obtain personal data, and then use that information to max out your credit cards and siphon off your bank account. This session will include a viewing of a new video called "Identity Theft: How to Protect Your Credit, Your Money, and Your Good Name." The video illustrates some of the ways individuals and businesses can reduce their chances of being a target.

Anyone with a social security number is at risk of being victimized by identity thieves. The phenomenon is so prevalent, that the Federal Trade Commission has called identity theft the fastest growing crime in history.

Audience Outcomes:

- What identity theft is, who commits these crimes, and why
- How identity thieves target their victims
- What they want: social security/credit card numbers, canceled checks, etc.
- How criminals gain access to personal and company information
- How business and organizations are affected
- What we all can do to prevent it; how and when to involve law enforcement

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