



# Crime Prevention

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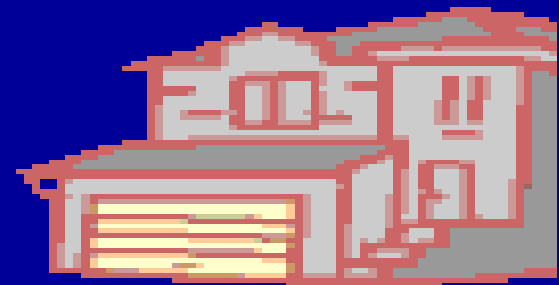


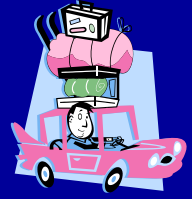
# Home Security



- Keep homes and cars secure
  1. Glass block windows
  2. Deadbolt locks
  3. Keep bushes trimmed around the home
  4. Keep interior up stairs lights on when not at home.

1/3 of all burglaries accomplished without force entry





# Vacation / Home Security

- Lights on timers with a radio
- Leave a car in the driveway. Ask a neighbor to move it around .
- Stop all mail.
- No notes on the door.
- No messages on the answering machine.
- Have neighbors watch your home for activity.
- Notify your local police department.
- Automatic outside lighting.



# Alarm Systems

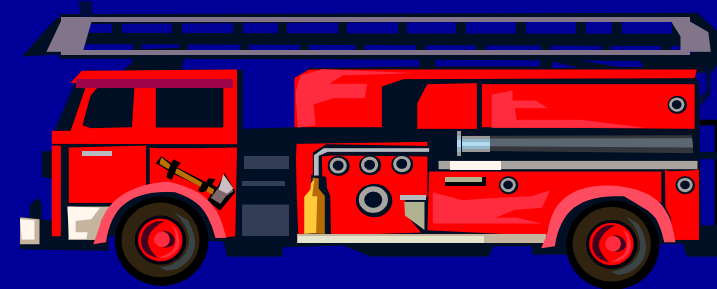
1. Entry / Burglar Alarms



1. Medical



1. Fire / Carbon Monoxide



# Unidentified Persons

- Never open the door for someone you don't know
  - 1) Salesman
  - 2) Delivery Person not clearly identifiable.
  - 3) Roof Inspection
  - 4) Public Utility Repairman
  - 5) Driveway Repairman



\* Call Police Immediately \*



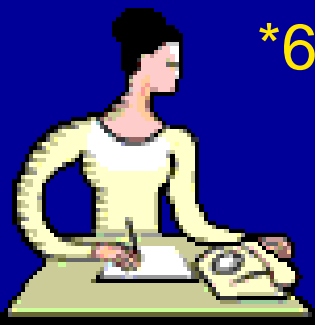
# Telemarketers / Phone Calls

- Never give information about yourself or employment.
- Never give out Social Security#, D.O.B or Credit Card Information

**Your telephone number and address is obtained from sweepstake entries, bank card companies, magazines and some membership organizations. These list are then sold to the telemarketers.**

Use \*57 to trace call

\*69 to call back the number that called



**If you suspect fraud**

Report suspected fraud to:

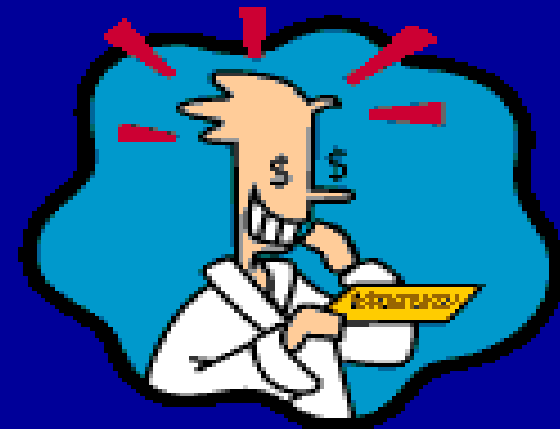
National Fraud Information  
Center

**1-800-876-7060**

# Cons & Scams

## Three types

1. Trick you into handing money over or credit card info (such as a deposit for a free trip)
2. Pay more for something than its worth.
3. Phony investment deals.





# Tips to Avoid Fraud Scams

- Don't believe you get something for nothing. Everything comes at a cost.



- Be cautious of high pressure sales tactics.



- Think before you act. The offer will still be there if it is legitimate.



- Get all agreements in writing.



- Check with the Better Business Bureau.





# Repair Fraud



- Shop around ask friends and family for references.
- If you know what the problem is wait to see what the repairman says.
- Get detailed written repair estimates and compare them.
- Ask for the old parts back and make sure they are yours.

# Home Improvement Fraud



- Check for Licenses Professional
- Check Better Business Bureau
- Cautious of high pressure sales tactics
- Use extreme caution with unsolicited repair offers (driveways, roofs, ect.)
- Pay by check in 1/3





# Charity Fraud

- Ask questions about the charity
- Give to only charities you know
- Don't give in to high pressure tactics
- Only pay by check that is made out to the charity. **NEVER GIVE CASH !**
- Offer to mail donation



# Identity Theft Warning Signs

- Mistakes on accounts or Medical Benefits statements
- Regular bills go missing
- Calls from debit collectors
- Notices from IRS ( **CAUTION!** )



# How Identity Theft Happens

- Stolen from trash
- Stolen from a business
- Trick you into revealing the information
- Stolen wallet or purse
- Calls about loan or winning a prize





# Reducing Your Risk

- Check your credit report once a year
- Carefully review your bank and credit card statements
- Be alert for bills that don't come in
- Don't give out personal identification unless you are sure who is asking for it.
- Shred sensitive documents
- Don't click on links in emails



# What To Do If Your Identity Is Stolen



1. Place an initial fraud alert on your Credit Report by contacting one of three credit reporting companies

- a) Equifax 1-800-525-6285
- b) Experian 1-888-397-3742
- c) TransUnion 1-800-680-7289





# What To Do If Your Identity Is Stolen

2. Order your Credit Reports

3. Create Identity Theft Reports with:



a) Local Police Dept.

b) FTC 1-877-438-4338

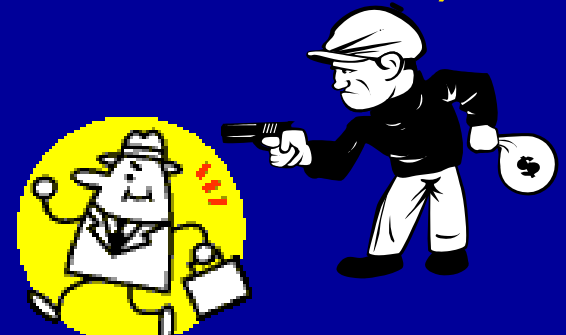
1-877-ID-THEFT

To learn more about Identity Theft go to:

[ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint)

# Personal Security

- Hold your purse close to you. Wallets in front pockets
- Be aware of your surroundings. People and vehicles  
(Don't leave it on tables floors or counter tops)
- Don't carry signed checks
- Don't display cash in public
- Carry a cell phone with Locations Service Activated
- Travel with family or friends  
(Using public transportation sit next to the driver)
- Car doors locked.



# Walking / Biking on Public Streets and Trails

- Safety in Numbers.
- Devices with headphones or ear buds should not be used.
- Carry a cell phone with Location Services activated.
- If confronted draw attention to yourself by screaming.





# Internet Safety

- DO not open spam or unrecognizable emails.
- Don't respond to emails such as:
  - You're a winner.
  - Your account is endanger of being closed.
  - Please verify your information.
- Emails can appear to be authentic from places like your bank, Ebay or other legitimate companies.
- Only deal with reputable companies online.
- Do not store account numbers or personal information on your computer.
- Use firewall, antivirus, and spy sweep programs and keep them updated.
- Don't discuss personal business with online chatters.
- If you choose to meet someone you met online meet in a public place.

