

How do you know . . . if your identity is at risk?

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**“Identity Theft.” Make sure
it does not happen to you:**

- Be careful when giving out personal information – on the phone, at the door, on the internet or by mail. Verify to whom you are providing information. Ask how it will be used.
- Slim down your wallet: memorize your social insurance number; carry one low limit credit card; store your birth certificate and passport in a safe location.
- Review your bank and credit card transactions through mailed statements or online. Monitor for unauthorized charges.

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Identity Theft ... protect yourself

- Watch your mail. Deposit outgoing mail only in designated mailboxes. Remove delivered mail promptly. File change-of-address notices before you move. Contact Canada Post if mail hasn't arrived for an unusual period of time.
- Invest in a cross-cut shredder for personal and financial documents before disposing of them.
- Be selective with your e-mail address. Reduce the amount of information you reveal about yourself on the internet.
- When disposing of old computers, cell phones and PDA's, remove the hard drive or professionally wipe the hard drive clean.
- Protect your PIN. Never write it down or use one that can easily be guessed. Do not tell anyone your PIN. When entering your PIN, shield the key pad. Change your PIN and passwords regularly.
- Conduct a credit bureau report annually.

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