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Common ID Theft Tactics Used

- Stealing your mail to get account numbers.
- Asking for personal info on the phone or email.
- Stealing account numbers from a business.
- Stealing your wallet or purse to get information.

Ways to Lower Your Risk

- Watch your wallet and keep track of cards.
- Do not tell or show people your PIN.
- Use passwords that are hard to guess.
- Do not put personal information on computers in public spaces, like the library.
- Keep your financial records, Social Security and Medicare cards in a safe place.
- Shred papers that have your personal or medical information.
- Take mail out of the mailbox as soon as possible.

Check Regularly

- Review bills and account statements for unusual charges.
- Get your credit report and look for new accounts or incorrect information.

Report It

Report to SPD: www.seattle.gov/police/report

Report to the FTC: www.identitytheft.gov

Report the incident to all three credit bureaus

Key Tip:

Review your credit reports and credit card statements to check for unusual charges.



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