

# Has your Identity been compromised?

## Here is what to do.

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### Freeze Your Credit Reports

If your Social Security Number is compromised, freeze your credit reports to prevent unauthorized use. Contact Experian, TransUnion, or OEquifax to place a credit freeze.



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### Lock Your SSN

To protect your Social Security Number (SSN) from unauthorized access, contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 or create an E-Verify account with three security questions. This will prevent cybercriminals from using your SSN for fraud or identity theft.



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### Create a *mySocialSecurity* Account

Create a mySocialSecurity account to manage your benefits and monitor for signs of identity theft. Report any unusual activity to the SSA promptly.



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### Submit a report to FTC

Report your stolen SSN to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for personalized steps and assistance in investigating identity theft. This prompt action allows the FTC to collaborate with law enforcement to help you seek justice.



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### Request a IP PIN

An IP PIN is a six-digit number that stops someone from filing a tax return with your SSN. Only you and the IRS will know your IP PIN, which even prevents a cybercriminal who has your SSN from committing tax fraud. Every year, you will receive a new IP PIN to ensure the utmost protection of your SSN and taxes.



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### Credit Monitoring Service

Consider signing up for a credit monitoring service to protect your credit score from fraud and detect any unusual activity. Some credit card companies offer this service for free, so check if your provider offers credit monitoring.



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