



### **Avoiding Identity Theft...Don't Be A Victim!**

- Limit the personal information you carry in your wallet or purse. Only carry what you need on a daily basis. Secure your wallet or purse to avoid theft, even in familiar settings like home and office.
- Keep a complete list of your credit cards in case your wallet or purse is lost or stolen. Call and cancel those cards immediately.
- Have your mail delivered to a secure location. Have it held at the post office if you expect to be gone for any period of time.
- Keep track of your bills and statements and review them carefully. Call your creditor immediately to report inaccurate or suspicious charges.
- Opt Out of solicitations. This will limit mail solicitations that could be stolen. (800-567-8688)
- Shred all personal information prior to disposing in the trash. Anything with your name, address, and / or account information should be destroyed.
- Limit the personal information stored on your computer or laptop. Protect your computer from hackers and viruses with a good firewall and security software.
- Protect your computer and web based accounts with private intricate passwords. Keep them private and hidden from site.
- Be very careful of supplying personal information to websites. Many websites are created for the specific purpose of capturing personal information by phishing.
- Beware of telephone solicitations. Never provide personal information to someone who contacts you over the phone.
- Obtain a copy of your credit report at least once a year. Carefully review for inaccurate, obsolete, and incomplete information.
- Report suspicious activity and correct inaccurate information.
- Consider Credit Monitoring / Insurance services.