

Use these precautions to keep your information secure from identity theft.

**Papers:** Shred all documents containing your personal information.

**Statements:** Switch to electronic statements to reduce the risk of having documents containing personal information stolen from your mailbox.

**Credit Report:** Visit annualcreditreport.com to check your credit report for discrepancies [at least once a year].

**PINs:** Memorize your PIN. When using your debit card at an ATM, cover the keypad and keep an eye on the mirror to make sure no one is watching you.

**Social security number:** Only provide your social security number (SSN) when it’s absolutely necessary for a transaction. Mortgage and loan credit checks require you to provide your SSN. For all other transactions, unless it’s absolutely required, keep your SSN to yourself.

**Research:** Get references for lenders or brokerages before you provide your personal information. Ask about what each transaction entails so you know what to expect.

**Files:** Keep copies of every document you are required to complete. Lock them in a safe or secure them digitally with passwords.

**Alerts:** Notify a consumer reporting agency the moment you suspect something is amiss. TransUnion, Equifax and Experian can place fraud alerts on your credit report. If you aren’t sure, report your suspicions anyway – it is better to be safe than sorry.

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