

# IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCES

## Credit Reporting Bureaus

### **EQUIFAX**

Order Report# (800) 685-1111

Fraud # (888) 525-6285

Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc

P.O. Box 105069

Atlanta, GA 30374

[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

### **EXPERIAN (formerly TRW)**

Order Report# (888) 524-3606 or

(888) EXPERIAN

Fraud # (888) 397-3742

P.O. Box 2104

Allen, TX 75013-2104

[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

### **TRANS UNION CORPORATION**

Order Report# (800) 888-4213

Fraud # (800) 680-7289

TransUnion LLC

Consumer Disclosure Center

P.O. Box 1000

Chester, PA 19022

[www.tuc.com](http://www.tuc.com)

**(Note: The Credit Reporting Agencies change their addresses and phone numbers often. Please double check the Agencies' websites if you think the information provided here may be in error.)**

*Remember that you are entitled to a free credit report if you are a victim of identity theft, if you have been denied credit, if you receive welfare benefits, or if you are unemployed.*

### **U.S. Federal Trade Commission**

The FTC oversees the operation of credit bureaus. You can find a copy of the Fair Credit Reporting Act on its web site. The FTC also provides assistance for identity theft victims. Its web site provides a complaint form that can be transmitted to the FTC via the Internet.

**Consumer Response Center:** (202) FTC-HELP or (202) 382-4357.

E-mail: [crc@ftc.gov](mailto:crc@ftc.gov)

Web site: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

### **U.S. Postal Service**

Call the U.S. Post Office to obtain the phone number of the nearest Postal Inspector (800) 275-8777.

Web site: [www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect](http://www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect)

### **U.S. Secret Service**

For the Secret Service office nearest you, look in the Government pages of your phone book.

Web site: [www.treas.gov/usss](http://www.treas.gov/usss)

### **U.S. Social Security Administration**

Report fraud: (800) 269-0271.

Order your free Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement: (800) 772-1213.

Web site: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **To remove your name from mail and phone lists**

#### **Direct Marketing Association**

Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Telephone Preference Service, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Web site: [www.the-dma.org](http://www.the-dma.org)

## **To report fraudulent use of your checks**

If you are unable to write checks because of bad checks written in your name, the merchant will direct you to one of the check verification services below. If you are unable to open a checking account because of the activities of an imposter, contact Chexsystems.

CheckRite	(800) 766-2748
Chexsystems	(800) 428-9623
CrossCheck	(707) 586-0551
Equifax	(800) 437-5120
National Processing Co.	(800) 526-5380
SCAN	(800) 262-7771
TeleCheck	(800) 710-9898

## **Consumer organizations**

### **CALPIRG**

11965 Venice Blvd., Suite 408, Los Angeles, CA 90066.  
Phone: (310) 397-3404 or (916) 448-4516.  
E-mail: [calpirg@pirg.org](mailto:calpirg@pirg.org)  
Web site: [www.pirg.org/calpirg](http://www.pirg.org/calpirg)

### **Identity Theft Prevention and Survival**

28202 Cabot Road, Suite 215, Laguna Niguel, 92677  
Contact: Mari J. Frank, Esq., Author, *The Identity Theft Survival Kit*  
Phone 800-725-0807 or 949-364-1511  
E-mail [contact@identitytheft.org](mailto:contact@identitytheft.org)  
Web site: [www.identitytheft.org](http://www.identitytheft.org)

## Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

1717 Kettner Ave., Ste. 105, San Diego, CA 2101  
Phone: (619) 298-3396 Contact: Director, Beth Givens  
E-mail: [prc@privacyrights.org](mailto:prc@privacyrights.org)  
Web site: [www.privacyrights.org](http://www.privacyrights.org)

### Valuable PRC resources:

[PRC Identity-Theft Resource Link](#)

[Coping with Identity Theft: What to Do When An Imposter Strikes](#)

[Identity Theft: What to Do When it Happens to You -- A Guide for Victims](#)

[Identity Theft: How It Happens, Its Impact on Victims, and Legislative Solutions](#)

### Identity Theft Cases:

- [1996-1997](#)
- [1995-1996](#)
- [1994-1995](#)

## U.S. PIRG

218 D St. S.E., Washington, DC 20001  
Phone: (202) 546-9707  
E-mail: [pirg@pirg.org](mailto:pirg@pirg.org)  
Web site: [www.pirg.org](http://www.pirg.org)

## VOIT (Victims of Identity Theft Support Group)

[www.pirg.org/calpirg](http://www.pirg.org/calpirg)

What to do when they ask for your Social Security Number  
by Chris Hibbert

<http://www.cpsr.org/cpsr/privacy/ssn/ssn.faq.html>