

# FOUR IMPORTANT STEPS ALL IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS SHOULD TAKE

## 1 FILE A REPORT WITH YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND APPLY FOR A NEVADA IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM CARD.

*By filing a police report, you will be eligible to apply for the Nevada Identity Theft Program Card. This program will help you work with creditors and law enforcement to identify that you are the victim of alleged wrongdoing committed using your good name.*

## 2 CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS YOU KNOW OR BELIEVE HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH OR WRONGFULLY OPENED.

*Call and speak with someone in the security or fraud department of the bank or credit card companies. Follow-up each call in writing and keep copies of these letters. If an identity thief has made charges to your account, ask the company to send you the forms to dispute the charges.*

## 3 PLACE A FRAUD ALERT OR FREEZE ON YOUR CREDIT REPORTS AND REVIEW YOUR CREDIT REPORTS.

*Fraud alerts can help prevent an identity thief from opening more accounts in your name. Contact one of the three credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion) to place a fraud alert on your credit report. Once you request a fraud alert, you are entitled to a free credit report. Nevada law also allows victims of identity theft to request their credit records be frozen for free. The request must be made in writing to the three credit reporting agencies. The agencies have 5 days from receipt of the request to begin the freeze. The freeze ensures a consumer's credit information is not released and no new credit is issued without the consumer's approval.*

## 4 FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC).

*Filing a complaint with the FTC will give law enforcement agencies across the nation important information to help them track down and stop identity thieves. The FTC may refer complaints to other agencies for further action, as well as investigate companies for violations of related laws. You can file a complaint on the FTC's website at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).*

## HOW THE NEVADA IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU

Recovering from identity theft can take time, money and patience. Some victims have lost job opportunities, been denied loans or been arrested for crimes they did not commit.

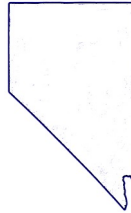
As a responsible consumer, you can take steps to manage your personal information and minimize the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. When you deal with personal information, always take measures to protect its secrecy. However, even if you have been careful about protecting your personal information, an identity theft can still occur.

Should this happen to you, the **Nevada Identity Theft Program** can help.

The Nevada Identity Theft Program provides victims a way to show law enforcement and creditors they have reported the theft of their personal information. It can help in the process of repairing a victim's credit and identifying fraudulent criminal activity.

## IDENTITY THEFT LAWS IN NEVADA

**NRS 205.463** makes it a crime to use the personal identifying information of another individual with the intent to fraudulently obtain credit, property or services. It also takes into account computer and Internet technology by making it a crime to aid or abet another person in securing this personal identifying information. Anyone convicted of using another person's identity can be punished with up to twenty years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.



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## A Service to Assist Victims of Identity Theft

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## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN YOUR PROGRAM CARD

- File a local police report and request a Nevada Identity Theft Application.
- Complete the Application and mail it to one of the following Attorney General's Office locations:  
**Northern Nevada:**  
 Nevada Office of the Attorney General  
 General Investigations - Identity Theft Unit  
 100 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701  
**Southern Nevada:**  
 Nevada Office of the Attorney General  
 General Investigations - Identity Theft Unit  
 1 State of Nevada Way, Suite 100  
 Las Vegas, NV 89119
- After the application is mailed, please allow 4 to 6 weeks for notification as to whether you qualify for a Program Card.

## DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO FILE A POLICE REPORT

- Proof of Identity:** (one of the following) Valid Driver's License containing the same address information as provided in application; certified U.S. issued birth certificate; U.S. Passport; U.S. Military Identification; Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization; Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood; Consular report of Birth Abroad; Permanent or Temporary Resident Card; Resident Alien Card or I-551 Receipt; Valid Foreign Passport stamped "Processed for I-551"; Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) with Visa or Passport; Permit to Reenter the U.S.; Refugee Travel Documents
- Proof of Social Security Number:** (at least one of the following) State License or ID with number listed; Social Security Card; U.S. Military Identification; Original DD-214 Military Separation Form; Social Security Benefits Documentation

For more information on the Nevada Identity Theft Program go to [www.ag.nv.us](http://www.ag.nv.us)

## WHERE TO COMPLETE THE IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

Please visit the appropriate Law Enforcement agency based on (1) where the theft occurred, or (2) if a Nevada resident, where you live:

**Boulder City Police Department**  
**Carson City Sheriff's Office**  
**Churchill County Sheriff's Office**  
**Clark County Park Police Department**  
**Clark County School District Police Dept.**  
**College of Southern Nevada Police Department**  
**Douglas County Sheriff's Office**  
**Elko County Sheriff's Office**  
**Elko Police Department**  
**Esmeralda County Sheriff's Office**  
**Eureka County Sheriff's Office**  
**Fallon Police Department**  
**Henderson Police Department**  
**Humboldt County Sheriff's Office**  
**Lander County Sheriff's Office**  
**Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department**  
**Las Vegas Paiute Tribal Police Department**  
**Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**  
**Lovelock Police Department**  
**Lyon County Sheriff's Office**  
**Mesquite Police Department**  
**Mineral County Sheriff's Office**  
**North Las Vegas Police Department**  
**Nye County Sheriff's Office**  
**Pershing County Sheriff's Office**  
**Pyramid Lake Tribal Police Department**  
**Reno Police Department**  
**Sparks Police Department**  
**Storey County Sheriff's Office**  
**Truckee Meadows Community College PD**  
**Department of Police Services/UNLV PD**  
**University Police Services/UNR PD**  
**Walker River Tribal Police Department**  
**Washoe County School District Police Dept.**  
**Washoe County Sheriff's Office**  
**Washoe Tribe Police Department**  
**West Wendover Police Department**  
**White Pine County Sheriff's Office**  
**Yerington Police Department**

## IDENTITY THEFT APPLICATION

Please complete this Application with Law Enforcement personnel, then mail to the Nevada Office of the Attorney General location as instructed in this brochure.

Full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's license/state ID card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (optional): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of identity theft incident associated with this Application: (Check all applicable)

Credit Card     Checking or Savings Account     Loan     Phone or Utilities  
 Securities/Other Investments     Internet or E-mail     Government Benefits  
 IRS/Soc. Security Number     Other Records

Law Enforcement Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ (Officer/agency personnel taking report) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of report)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Case number, if any) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone number)

By applying for the Nevada Identity Theft Program, I declare the information I have provided in my Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand my Application is for a Nevada Identity Theft Program Card only and is not an alternative form of identification or a request for the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to initiate any investigation or resolve any criminal actions.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's information has been verified by agency personnel taking the report by these documents pursuant to NAC 205.050.

A valid government-issued photo identification card (for example, driver's license, state-issued ID card, or passport).  
 Proof of Social Security

\_\_\_\_\_ (Officer/agency personnel taking report) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_