

## FOUR IMPORTANT STEPS ALL IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS SHOULD TAKE

### FILE A REPORT WITH YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND APPLY FOR A NEVADA IDENTITY THEFT PRO- GRAM 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.

### CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS THAT YOU KNOW OR BELIEVE HAVE BEEN TAM- PERED 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.

### 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 receiving 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.

### FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

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

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

As a responsible consumer, you can take steps you to manage your personal information and minimize the risk of becoming the 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 with a way to show law enforcement and creditors that their identity has been stolen. It will help in the process of repairing a victim's credit and identifying fraudulent criminal activity.

## NEVADA'S IDENTITY THEFT LAWS

**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, bymaking 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.



\*Also known as the Nevada Identity Theft Passport per NRS 205.4651



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# NEVADA IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM

## A Service to Assist Victims of Identity Theft

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

1. File a local police report and request a Nevada Identity Theft Program Preliminary Application.
2. Complete the application and gather the required documents and information.
3. Call one of the Program agencies to make an appointment with a representative and complete the application process. *(See location list to right)*
4. Bring the requested information and documents to your meeting with the Program representative.
5. After your appointment, please allow 4 to 6 weeks for notification as to whether you qualify for a Program Card.

## DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

1. **Preliminary Application**
  2. **Proof of Identity:** (at least 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
  3. **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
- Carson City:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 1-877-213-5227
- Churchill County:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 1-877-213-5227
- Clark County:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 702-486-3420
- Douglas County:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 1-877-213-5227
- Elko County:** Call the Elko County Sheriff's Department at 775-738-3421
- Esmeralda County:** Call the Esmeralda County Sheriff's Department at 775-485-6373
- Eureka County:** Call the Eureka County Sheriff's Office at 775-237-5330
- Humboldt County:** Call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at 775-623-6419
- Lander County:** Call the Lander County Sheriff's Office at 775-635-1100
- Lincoln County:** Call the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 775-962-5151
- Lyon County:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 1-877-213-5227
- Mineral County:** Call the Mineral County Sheriff's Office at 775-945-2434
- Nye County:** Call the Nye County Sheriff's Office at 775-482-8110 (Tonopah) or 775-751-7000 (Panrump)
- Pershing County:** Call the Pershing County Sheriff's Office at 775-273-2641
- Storey County:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 1-877-213-5227
- Washoe County:** Call the Nevada Attorney General's Office at 775-688-1818
- White Pine County:** Call the White Pine County Sheriff's Department at 775-289-8808

## WHERE TO COMPLETE THE IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

Based on where the theft occurred, please call the appropriate application agency to make an appointment.

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Please complete this application prior to your meeting with an Identity Theft Program Representative at the appropriate Nevada Attorney General's Office location or local Sheriff's Department as instructed in this brochure.

## PRELIMINARY IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Full legal name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Email  Governments Benefits
- IRS/Soc. Security Number  Other Records

Once you have contacted a law enforcement agency regarding the events described above, please complete the following:

**Agency #1**

(case number, if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Date of report) \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency #2**

(case number, if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Date of report) \_\_\_\_\_

(Phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

(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 will not be used by the Nevada Attorney General's Office to initiate any investigation or resolve any criminal actions.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_