

# Security Awareness and Identity Theft



**Check** your credit report once every 12 months.



**Review** your bank statements and credit card bills often.



**Request** a copy of your credit report from [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free 877.322.8228 or complete the Annual Credit Report Request form and mail it to:

**Annual Credit Report**  
Request Service  
P.O. Box 105281  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5281



**Report** incidents of Identity Theft to the Federal Trade Commission.



**File** an affidavit with the Federal Trade Commission if you have been a victim of identity theft. Also make a report to your local police and the three major credit bureaus.

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**Secure** personal information in your home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having work done in your home.



**Don't** give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or on the Internet unless you've initiated the contact or you are sure you know who you're dealing with.



**Protect** your Social Security number.

**Protect** personal computers: use firewalls, anti spam and virus software and update security patches.

***Remember, the IRS does not request sensitive information by e-mail.***

## Resources:

- **IRS.Gov, keyword *Identity Theft***
- **FTC.Gov/Identity Theft**



**Do your part to  
secure your identity.**