

WHAT TO TELL VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT:

Take these **steps** to prevent further harm:

- 1. Place a fraud alert** on your credit reports by contacting one of these credit reporting companies. The company you contact will notify the others:

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com

Experian: 1-888-397-3742; www.experian.com
- 2. Close compromised accounts immediately.** Call every company where an account has been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Review your credit reports for additional fraudulent accounts. Close them where necessary. Follow up in writing.
- 3. Report the identity theft** to the Federal Trade Commission: www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-ID-THEFT. Complete the online complaint form and bring a printed copy of it when you file a police report.
- 4. File a police report** and ask the police to attach your FTC complaint to the police report. Get a copy of the report for your records.

Visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft for more information about your rights.

DETER



Safeguard your information.

DETECT



Monitor your financial accounts
and billing statements.

DEFEND



Take action immediately.