

Credit Protection

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Protecting your identity begins by reducing the number of places where your personal information can be found. Reducing the number of credit cards you have and only carrying the cards that you intend to use may help reduce your risk of becoming an identity theft victim. Follow these tips to reduce your risk:

- 1) To discontinue credit card offers being sent to your home:
 - Online: **www.OptOutPrescreen.com**
 - Toll Free: **888.567.8688**
- 2) To opt out of major online tracking companies for free:
 - Online: **www.NetworkAdvertising.org**
- 3) You may remove yourself from several mailing lists for up to five years by contacting:
 - Online: **www.DMAChoice.org**
 - A processing fee may apply for this service
- 4) If your bank provides your account information to third parties, you may ask to opt out of this practice or request they notify you in advance.
- 5) If you receive an offer for a pre-approved credit card or loan but aren't interested, shred the application form.
- 6) If you are not interested in receiving convenience checks from your credit card companies, request to be removed from the mailing list.
- 7) Cutting up a credit card does **not** cancel the account. You must contact the credit card company. Check your credit report to review open accounts in your name.
- 8) Additional Information from the Federal Trade Commission:
 - Online: **www.FTC.gov**
 - Call: **1.877.FTC.HELP (1.877.382.4357)**
 - Call: **1.877.ID.THEFT (1.877.438.4338)**



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