

WINTER HAVEN POLICE

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Police Department

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY
9-1-1

Non-emergency
863-401-2256

Crime Prevention
863-295-5905

Administration
863-291-5858

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**Crime
Prevention is
everyone's
responsibility.
Small steps
can make the
difference.
Be the eyes
and ears and
together, we
can reduce the
opportunity
for crime.**



IDENTITY THEFT

Victims report spending 30 hours, on average, cleaning up after an identity crime at an average cost of \$500. Since the possibility has risen that a portion of your information could have been compromised, you are recommended to do the following as quickly as possible:

- **Contact the IRS immediately!** (phone: 1-800-908-4490 or www.irs.gov to complete [IRS Form 14039](#) (Identity Theft Affidavit)
- **Obtain your FREE Credit Report** at www.annualcreditreport.com (always remember - if the website address has "free" in the name, it isn't free. The link above is! Once you have your report, review to be certain there is no unusual activity.
- **Contact the three consumer reporting agencies to place a FRAUD ALERT** on your credit: [Equifax](#) (1-888-766-0008) [Experian](#) (1-888-397-3742) [TransUnion](#) (1-800-680-7289)
- **Place a Security Freeze on your credit.** In 2006, the Florida Legislator enacted [F.S. 501.005](#), which allows consumers to request a freeze be put on any NEW credit until such time the consumer lifts the freeze. Each consumer reporting agency has this option (and must be done for all three for optimal coverage). This is FREE and highly recommended to greatly reduce the likelihood of credit being obtained through the fraudulent use of a SS number. Please read each reporting agencies information in detail: [Equifax](#) [Experian](#) [TransUnion](#)
- Contact the Social Security Administration if there are any payments registered to yours or your child's social security number. (If disability payments are direct deposited, we advise placing a lock on your SS payments, which would require ANY changes (such as address, phone, bank acct.) to be done IN PERSON. Visit the SS administration in Winter Haven at 1395 Havendale Blvd. or call the national number at (1-800-772-1213)

Ways To Keep An Eye On Your Private Information

- **Secure the SS Card** (Never carry your SS card or number with you. Memorize!)
- **Protect Your Pin Number** (Never write your PIN on a card or paper you keep near the card)
- **Shopping In Cyberspace** (Only do business with companies you trust and look for the "s" in the https:// part of the website. This means the site is secure.)
- **A Word on Passwords** (Change your password regularly and don't use any part of your SS number, maiden name or well-known information someone may know)
- **Protect Your Credit Cards** (Shred CC receipts, never give your card for someone else to use and keep a copy, front and back, safe at home in case of lost cards)
- **Get your FREE annual Credit Report at www.annualcreditreport.com**