

You Can Prevent Identity Theft & Fraud



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To reduce or minimize the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud, there are some basic steps you can take. For starters, just remember the word "SCAM"!

S - **Be STINGY** about giving out your personal information to others unless you have a reason to trust them, regardless of where you are.

C - **CHECK** your financial information regularly, and look for what should be there and what shouldn't.

A - **ASK** periodically for a copy of your credit report.

M - **MAINTAIN** careful records of your banking and financial accounts.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF IDENTITY FRAUD?

Act immediately to minimize the damage to your personal funds and financial accounts, as well as your reputation. Also, please visit the Richland County Sheriff's Department website for other tips for crime prevention at www.rcsd.net or for Free crime prevention training call 803-576-3000. In addition, you can file an internet crime complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, visit the IC3 website at www.ic3.gov.