

Top 10 tips to fight identity theft

If your information falls into the wrong hands, it could cost you time and money to restore your good name and credit status. To keep your financial reputation intact, follow these helpful tips.



Secure

your Social Security number and don't share it with anyone.



Filter

your email and don't respond to unsolicited requests for information.



Beware

of those around you when you're using an ATM or typing passwords.



Collect

your mail promptly and remember to put it on hold while you're traveling.



Track

billing cycles to make sure you receive your bills and statements; contact senders if they're late.



Review

your receipts and compare them with your account statements.



Shred

items containing personal information, like credit offers, statements, and expired cards.



Check

your credit report once a year for accuracy.



Install

firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.



Create

hard-to-guess passwords and change them frequently.



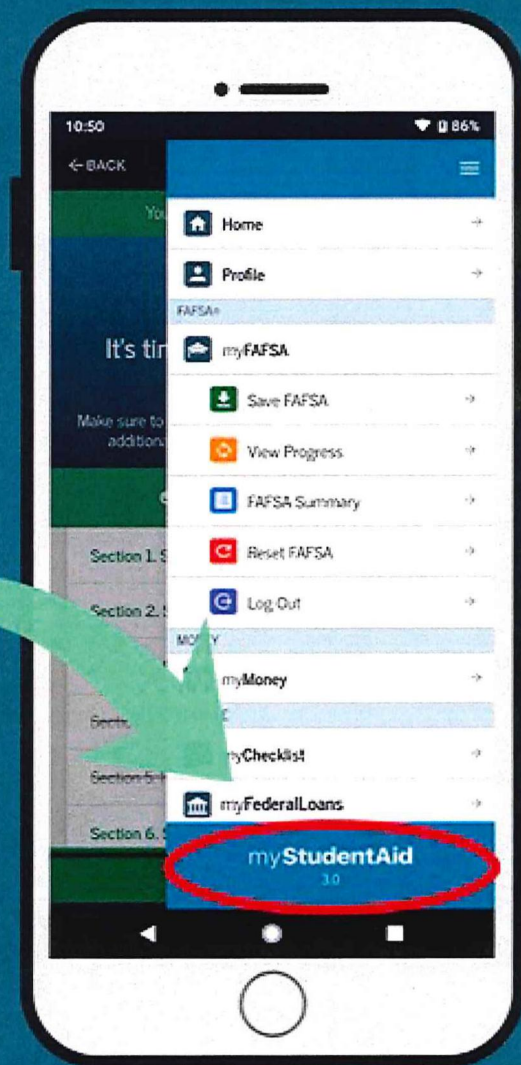
If you think you've been the victim of identity theft, contact your consumer financial institutions, file a report with the Federal Trade Commission, and get in touch with your local law enforcement.

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