

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Free Resources For Law Enforcement

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has free resources to help you protect your community against consumer fraud.

Consumer Sentinel Network: A Powerful Investigative Tool

A law enforcement-only database of more than 15 million consumer reports about identity theft, imposter scams, and other consumer fraud. Use it to investigate fraud-based crimes, get aggregate data for your jurisdiction, and connect with law enforcers nationwide.

- Search by full or partial company names, phone numbers, addresses, and more
- Use visualization tools to explore links between companies, locations, phone numbers, emails, and URLs
- Identify suspects and witnesses
- Get top violator reports for your jurisdiction
- See complaint trends in your jurisdiction

Register at <https://Register.ConsumerSentinel.gov>

IdentityTheft.gov: Help For Identity Theft Victims

IdentityTheft.gov is the federal government's one-stop resource for identity theft victims to report the crime to the FTC and get recovery help. **IdentityTheft.gov** asks victims about the identity theft. Based on the answers, the site will:

- Build a personal recovery plan and walk the victim through each recovery step.
- Create an Identity Theft Report that victims can use in place of a police report in most cases. This report helps clear their credit reports of fraudulent information.
- Generate personalized letters and forms that victims can send to debt collectors, credit agencies, and others to help resolve the identity theft.

IdentityTheft.gov has detailed recovery steps for more than 30 types of identity theft. Refer victims to the site and link to it from your website, Facebook page, or other social media. You'll have access to victims' reports through the Consumer Sentinel Network.

BulkOrder.ftc.gov: Strengthen Your Community Outreach

Get free, high-quality materials to help you educate your community about spotting and avoiding **charity fraud**, **tech support scams**, **sweepstakes scams**, and other consumer fraud. Here are some publications you'll find at BulkOrder.ftc.gov under "Campaigns – Identity Theft":

- **IdentityTheft.gov Wallet Card:** For law enforcement officers, to remind people to report identity theft at IdentityTheft.gov. It has room to write an officer's name, case number, or other brief information.
- **Identity Theft — What to Know, What to Do:** A brief overview of identity theft, with steps to take right away if identity theft happens to you.
- **Data Breaches — What To Know, What To Do:** A brief overview of what to do if your personal information is lost, stolen, or exposed in a data breach.

Order as many copies as you want — it's all free. Feel free to "co-brand" FTC publications by sticking on a decal with your insignia and contact information.

Social Media Resources

Do you have a Facebook page, blog, or newsletter? Share scam alerts from the FTC to keep your community aware of the latest schemes. Sign up at ftc.gov/scams.

We hope you find these materials helpful. If you have any questions, please contact Seena Gressin at (202) 326-2717 or sgressin@ftc.gov.



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