



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING CRIME

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

Your identity is one of the most valuable things you have.

Identity theft is a type of fraud that involves a person stealing your name for the purpose of obtaining money, goods, services or other benefits.

If your identity is misused a person may access your money and accumulate large debts in your name, which will affect your credit rating.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft, please consider the following crime prevention tips:

- Secure your letter box with a lock and empty it on a daily basis. Arrange collection of your mail from a trusted person when on holidays. If you move, remember to re-direct your mail.
- Protect your personal documents at all times. Never throw personal documents in the bin – destroy them using a shredder or a similar method.
- Limit the amount of personal information you publish on social media and online.
- Ensure your computer and mobile phone are protected with regularly updated anti-virus software. Avoid using public computers for personal activities.
- Never give your personal details to an unsolicited person.
- Always check your receipt and credit card statements carefully for discrepancies. If you discover unauthorised transactions, contact your financial institution immediately.
- Make enquiries on the arrival of unexpected credit cards or bills for goods and services you did not order.

To report a scam or for further information visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

For more crime prevention tips please contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

SCAMS AND CYBERCRIME

