



## 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.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au)

For more crime prevention tips please contact your local police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://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

