

## IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM

- Immediately contact the three credit reporting agencies and request that a "fraud alert" be placed in your file, as well as a victim's statement asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts or changing your existing accounts.
- At the same time, order copies of your credit reports from all three agencies and review it to make sure no additional fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name or unauthorized changes made to your existing accounts.
- Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently and ask to speak with someone in the security or fraud department and follow up with a letter to resolve errors. Close accounts that have been tampered with.
- File a report with your local law enforcement agency. Get a copy of the report in case the bank, credit card company, or others need proof of the crime.
- If someone is using your social security number report it to the Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.
- If someone is using your driver's license number call your Department of Motor Vehicles.

### Federal Trade Commission

1-877-IDTHEFT

[www.consumer.gov](http://www.consumer.gov)

To report a crime call Sheriff's  
Office Dispatch 743-7000

Millcreek Precinct	272-5225
Holladay Precinct	272-0426
Cottonwood Heights	944-1830
Riverton Precinct	254-0167
Herriman Precinct	302-2080
Kearns Precinct	967-4420
Magna Precinct	250-1474
Crime Prevention	468-3901

### Credit Reporting Agencies

#### Equifax — [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

To order your report, call: 800-685-1111 or write: P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374  
To report fraud, call: 800-525-6285  
TDD: 800-255-0056  
And write: P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374

#### Experian — [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

To order your report, call: 888-397-3742 or write: P.O. Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013  
To report fraud, call: 888-397-3742  
TDD 800-972-0322  
And write: P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013

#### TransUnion — [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

To order your report, call: 800-916-8800 or write:  
P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022  
To report fraud, call: 800-680-7289  
TDD: 877-553-7803  
And write: Fraud Victim Assistance Div. P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634-6790

*Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office  
Herriman Precinct*



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A Property Crime**

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How can you  
protect yourself in  
the future?



*Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff James M. Winder  
[www.slsheiff.org](http://www.slsheiff.org)  
743-7000*

Deputy:

Case Number:

Unfortunately, property crime plagues Salt Lake County communities. Fortunately, there are many steps you can take to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of property crimes. You must actively practice prevention methods to remove the element of opportunity from these criminals.

**VEHICLE BURGLARY** is the most common property crime in Salt Lake County. Use these tips to help deter criminals.

- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area, always in the driveway or garage if possible.
- Lock the doors and roll up windows, even when the vehicle is parked in the garage.
- Use a bag or brief case to bring all your things to and from the car each day. Develop good habits.
- Consider installing motion sensor lights for your yard and driveway. Thieves don't want to be seen!
- Write down the serial number of your car stereo. Deputies are unable to track stolen property without this number.

### **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

- Lighting is possibly the strongest tool in making your home an unattractive target to a burglar. Leave your front porch light on all night and consider motion lights to light up the rest of the yard and driveway.

- Install and then use dead bolt locks on all exterior doors, including the go-between door from your garage into your home. Keep doors locked when you are away and when you are at home.
- Keep garage door closed.
- Consider leaving a TV or radio on when you are away from home.
- Consider installing an alarm system. Choose a reputable company and register your alarm with the Sheriff's Office by calling 743-5769. Then display the signs liberally. An ear piercing, audible alarm is another good option.
- Maintain a list of your valuable property that includes serial number, make, and model. Keep two copies of the list in separate, safe places.
- Keep important papers, jewelry, and prescription medications in unusual places. Thieves know the regular places to find valuables.



### **AUTO THEFT**

*Avoid these common mistakes made by auto theft victims.*

- Leaving the car running in the morning to warm it up.
- Leaving the keys in the car.
- Hiding a key somewhere on the car in case they get locked out.
- Leaving the car unlocked.
- Parking a car in a dark place where the thief can work undetected.

### **FRAUD & IDENTITY THEFT**

*Identity theft is one of the most devastating crimes that can happen to a person. Criminals often use fraud and forgery as steps to initiate identity theft. Use these prevention methods to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of this crime.*

- Carry small amounts of cash, credit cards, or debit cards for simple purchases. Leave your checkbook at home.
- Mail bills directly from the post office. Do not put them in your mailbox for the postal carrier to pick up.
- Secure your mailbox and retrieve your mail from your mailbox as quickly as possible after delivery.
- Shred all documents that contain personal information including, bank or credit card documents, and credit card offers.
- Watch your bank and credit card statements closely. Make sure your information matches theirs. Watch for checks that are out of numeric sequence.
- Get copies of your credit report every year. Take care of discrepancies immediately.
- Keep a list of your bank and credit card account numbers as well as the phone numbers to report them if they are lost or stolen.
- To prevent personal loss when selling items to someone else, do not accept personal checks. Have them pay you in cash.