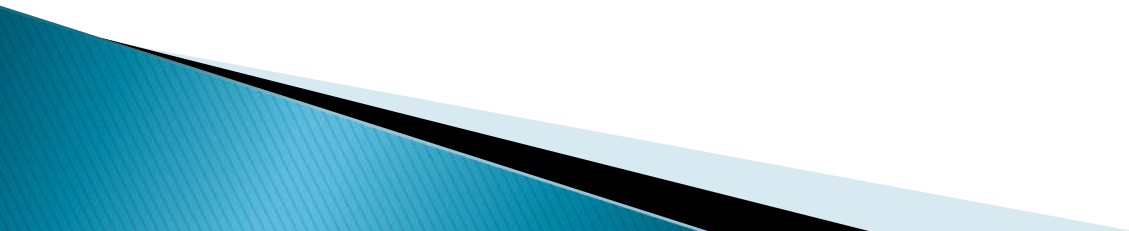


Identity Theft

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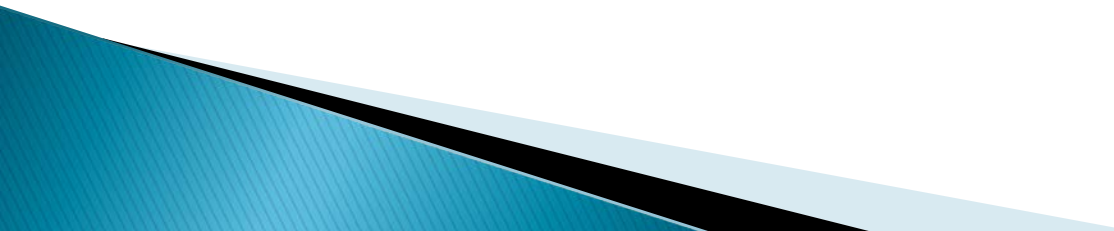
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Identity Theft

- ▶ Identity theft is when someone wrongfully acquires and uses a consumer's personal identification, credit, or account information.

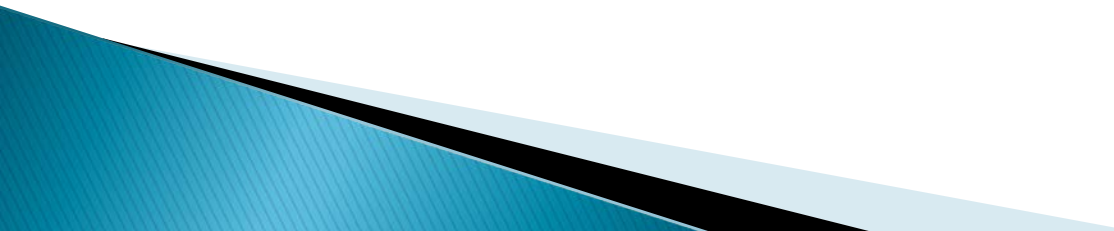
Identity Theft

- ▶ What do thieves do once they have your information?
 - ▶ Open credit accounts,
 - ▶ Obtain cell phones,
 - ▶ Write fraudulent checks,
 - ▶ Make large purchases all in the consumer's name.
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Identity Theft

- ▶ How do thieves acquire your information?

The most common are as follows:

- ▶ Steal wallet
 - ▶ Steal mail
 - ▶ Dumpster/ trash diving
 - ▶ Internet
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Identity Theft

- ▶ What To Do When Identity Theft Occurs:
 - ▶ Contact the police to report a crime
 - ▶ Close all accounts
 - ▶ Contact the credit reporting agency
 - ▶ Contact the Federal Trade Commission
 - ▶ Freeze Credit