

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

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With the tax season upon us the Covington Police Department would like to offer some simple tips to assist citizens in the prevention of identity theft.

Here are a few things to consider doing;

- *Shred documents containing personal information prior to discarding**
- *Do not give out your social security or any personal information to anyone unless you know exactly who you are dealing with**
- *Remember, nothing is free so beware of scams that ask you to send money or to give out banking information for a deposit of money into your account**
- *Always inspect your credit card report to insure that there are no unauthorized purchases on your account**

What should you do if it happens to you?

- * If compromised place a fraud alert on your credit reports**
- * Close all affected accounts**
- * File a police report**
- * Report ID theft to the Federal Trade Commission**
- * Contact one of the following: EQUIFAX 800-685-1111, EXPERIAN (888) 397-3742 or TRANS- UNION (800) 916-8800**

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