

COLOR OF CHANGE
DIGITAL DEFENSE GUIDE

WAS YOUR IDENTITY STOLEN?

Color Of Change Best Practices to Protect Yourself Online

Identity theft occurs when someone takes your personal or financial information without your permission. It can lead to fraud, damaged credit, and crimes committed in your name. A 2023 study on identity theft showed that Black victims lost on average more than $5,000 to identity theft scams. As a part of our Black Tech Agenda, Color Of Change believes that Black people must have real control over their digital lives. We are committed to making sure our members are equipped with the tools and knowledge to fight back if they are the victims of identity theft.

BELOW ARE SOME BEST PRACTICES FOR PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT:

What to do right away when money is involved?

- Contact your District Attorney or Attorney General on next steps.
- Save all documentation and information. You might need to file a police report so everything is on record.
- Call the companies where you know fraud occurred and the credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion).
- Ask them to close or freeze the accounts.
- Change login information and passwords for your accounts.
- Request replacement for cards.

What to do right away in non-financial identity theft situations?

- Contact your District Attorney or Attorney General for more information on next steps.
- Social Security card lost or stolen? Apply online for free to get a replacement card.

Black people are victims of identity theft more often than the rest of the US population.

Color Of Change is committed to amplifying the right resources so you can protect yourself!

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