

# IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION CHECKLIST

	TASK	COMPLETED
<b>Credit Monitoring</b>		
	Sign up for alerts and periodically check credit reports	
	Check bank, credit card, and insurance statements for unknown charges	
	Freeze or lock your credit reports	
	Monitor and respond promptly to security alerts <b>(Don't ignore them)</b>	
	Enable text/email notifications for account transactions	
<b>Physical Security</b>		
	Shred sensitive documents when disposing of them	
	Consider a locking mailbox if possible	
	Secure physical documents containing personal information	
<b>Phishing and Scams</b>		
	Learn to spot and avoid phishing and scam attempts	
	Be wary of sharing SSN or personal information, ask why it's needed	
<b>Account Security</b>		
	Use strong passwords and MFA for accounts	
	Use secure methods for online transactions (verify HTTPS connection)	
<b>Social Media</b>		
	Avoid sharing sensitive personal information online	
<b>Tax Theft</b>		
	File taxes early to reduce the window for tax ID theft	

