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Identity Theft is the fastest growing white collar crime in America today. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), as many as 10 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. The more you know how to protect your identity and what to do if a problem occurs, the harder it is for identity thieves to commit their crimes.

Identity theft is when someone uses your personally identifying information like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

The crime of Identity Theft takes many forms; someone digging through your trash to find a bank statement, renting a home in your name, or opening a credit card or cell phone using your credit history. It is as easy as a waitress taking your card away from your table and writing down the account number, security code, and expiration date before returning it to you.

Get informed by watching this brief video from the FTC: ["Deter, Detect, and Defend - Avoid ID Theft"](#)

To learn more visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft



