

Software & Systems

Identity Theft (Receipts, Bills)

Overview

How often does junk mail, receipts or paperwork which has names, addresses or even bank details on them get thrown out?

Fraudsters can collect all the information they need to impersonate someone from their rubbish. Some old receipts may even have signatures on them!

How can you stop this happening?

Shred anything that has personal information, even if it is just names and addresses.

Keep passports, driving licences and birth certificates etc in a safe place where intruders will not find them.

Don't carry documents or credit cards around if they are not needed. When on holiday, consider what is really needed rather than taking every card.

Always check bank and credit card statements when they arrive. Make sure that all of the entries are legitimate transactions. This is often the first chance someone may have of spotting identity theft.

More Reading

To find out more, visit the following sites:

Fraud Prevention Service www.cifas.org.uk

Cardwatch www.cardwatch.org.uk