

# IDENTITY THEFT: HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

## Introduction:

Identity theft affects thousands of Georgians each year. The typical victim is usually between 18 and 39 years old – so this is a crime that's likely to happen to one of us. A thief might use your identity to open a new bank



or credit card account, set up a new phone or other utility account, or even use your identity to avoid a legal sanction – a speeding ticket, for example. So, it's important to know how identity theft could happen so we can avoid it.

## Module Description:

This module describes the ways in which identity theft occurs, how to avoid it, and what to do if you are a victim.

## You will learn:

1. What identity theft is
2. Why someone might want to steal your identity
3. Ways a thief might steal your identity
4. Ways to avoid becoming a victim
5. What to do if you are a victim of identity theft