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**Identity Theft**  
Awareness Week

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Thank you for picking up this flyer to learn more about financial literacy and to assist you in making well-informed decisions about your money. We live in an age of rapidly evolving technology. Many of us may conduct our personal and professional business on the internet and on other mobile platforms. While these provide conveniences to us, they create opportunities for scammers, hackers and identity thieves to commit cybercrime. In 2023, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 2.6 million victim reports describing more than [\\$10 billion in fraud](#) – a 14% jump in losses in one year.

Resources:

[consumer.gov](http://consumer.gov), [MyMoney.gov](http://MyMoney.gov), [MilitaryConsumer.gov](http://MilitaryConsumer.gov), [ConsumerFTC.gov](http://ConsumerFTC.gov), [ftc.gov/tips-advice](http://ftc.gov/tips-advice), [onguardonline.gov](http://onguardonline.gov)



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## SCAMS AND IDENTITY THEFT

Prevention Resources and How to Report Identify Theft

[identitytheft.gov](http://identitytheft.gov) and [ftc.gov/idtheft](http://ftc.gov/idtheft)

Imposter and QR Code Scams

[consumer.gov/scams-identify/imposter-scams](http://consumer.gov/scams-identify/imposter-scams); [consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2025/01/scam-alert-qr-code-unexpected-package](http://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2025/01/scam-alert-qr-code-unexpected-package)

Avoiding Identify Theft

[consumer.gov/sections/scams-identify-theft/avoiding-identify-theft](http://consumer.gov/sections/scams-identify-theft/avoiding-identify-theft)

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Saving Money When You Shop

[consumer.gov/managing-your-money/saving-money-when-you-shop](http://consumer.gov/managing-your-money/saving-money-when-you-shop)

Using Debit Cards

[consumer.gov/managing-your-money/using-debit-cards](http://consumer.gov/managing-your-money/using-debit-cards)

Prepaid Cards

[consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/prepaid-cards](http://consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/prepaid-cards)

Renting an Apartment or House

[consumer.gov/managing-your-money/renting-apartment-or-house](http://consumer.gov/managing-your-money/renting-apartment-or-house)



## CREDIT, LOANS, & DEBT

Your Credit History

[consumer.gov/credit-loans-debt/your-credit-history](http://consumer.gov/credit-loans-debt/your-credit-history)

Payday Loans and Cash Advances

[consumer.gov/credit-loans-debt/payday-loans-cash-advances](http://consumer.gov/credit-loans-debt/payday-loans-cash-advances)

Using Credit

[consumer.gov/credit-loans-debt/using-credit](http://consumer.gov/credit-loans-debt/using-credit)



Check your credit report at least annually, find out how to get your **free** annual credit report at:

[consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports](http://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) or call 1-877-322-8228

[youtube.com/watch?v=HXgMLpc7ivE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXgMLpc7ivE&feature=youtu.be)

Questions? 1-877-FTC-HELP or file a complaint at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint)

*Resources Links to manage your money wisely, use credit and loans carefully and protect your identify and money*

<https://www.consumer.gov>