

## **Lost Wallet Advice**

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## If your Wallet is lost or stolen:

- 1. File a police report in the jurisdiction where the event occurred. This proves to credit providers that you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation if there ever is one.
- 2. Contact <u>one</u> of the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place an initial **Fraud Alert** on your name and Social Security number. Each agency is required to pass it on to the other two. As of May 10, 2016, the contact information is:

Experian: call 1-888-397-3742 and select the Fraud option,

or do it online at this link and select Add a Fraud Alert Message.

Equifax: call 1-888-766-0008 or do it online at this link

TransUnion: call **1-800-680-7289** or do it online at this link (you'll have to create an account)

- 3. Call the numbers on your list below and report the cards lost or stolen.
- 4. Also call **1-800-269-0271** between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Eastern Time to report the loss of your Social Security card. This web site tells what is required to get a replacement card.
- 5. Call the State Department of Transportation at **1-800-932-4600** to arrange to replace your driver's license.

Hopefully you will never need these numbers, but just in case, keep them where you can find them.

## **Before** you lose your wallet:

Make a list of all of your credit and debit cards using the following table. Also record your driver's license number and any other number from your wallet that you will be glad you had the foresight to record.

Name on Card	Card Number	Sec. Code	Exp. Date	Lost Card Phone Number

Keep this list somewhere safe (not in your wallet!), and be sure to update it whenever you get a new card or close an account. This will save time and headaches if you ever do lose your wallet.