



# What's in your wallet?

or briefcase? or pocketbook? or backpack?

- **Cash**
- **Checkbook and Savings Account registers**
- **Credit cards, debit cards, department store cards, ATM cards**
- **Driver's license - nme, address, date of birth, signature sample**
- **Social Security card - the key that will unlock a multitude of financial avenues**
- **Public library card**
- **Home and business telephone numbers**
- **Business cards**
- **Keys - house, car, office**
- **And so much more...**

What if these items were lost or stolen? What would be the consequences? Do you have any idea how much damage could be done if personal information were in the wrong hands? There is no limit to what damage identity thieves can achieve. When armed with the smallest piece of personal information, they can ruin your credit, steal your money and undermine your sense of security.

## **Here is what you will need to do if your wallet is lost:**

- **Cash - Do you even know how much is in your wallet?**
- **Call to cancel credit and department store cards. Do you know the phone numbers to call? Do you have access to your credit card numbers, pin numbers, debit cards and ATM cards in your wallet? Is the card registered in your name or your spouse's name? (You will need the appropriate SS# for verification). Do you have a credit-card registry service? AAA and many banks offers this service. Check it out.**
- **Call the bank and cancel checking and/or savings accounts and transfer to new account numbers.**
- **Go to MVD - get new license. Ugh!**
- **Call library - you certainly do not want anyone checking out books under your name.**
- **What about home and office doors? Get a locksmith to change the locks.**
- **Credit-reporting bureau - Equifax, Experian and Trans Union to place a fraud alert on your record.**
- **Change your message on your answering machine that states "your wallet was stolen and you do not authorize any transactions."**
- **Notify the police to possible fraud.**

**Protect yourself with proactive effort.**