

IDENTITY @ THEFT

IDENTITY THEFT/ IDENTITY FRAUD

REFERS TO THE CRIME IN WHICH SOMEONE WRONGFULLY OBTAINS AND USES ANOTHER PERSON'S PERSONAL DATA THAT INVOLVES FRAUD OR DECEPTION



How to PROTECT YOURSELF

By the Federal Trade Commission



- **DON'T** respond to texts, emails and/or calls about checks from the gov't



- **IGNORE** online offers for vaccinations

- **BE WARY** of ads for test kits. They aren't necessarily approved by the FDA and/ or accurate



- **HANG UP** on robocalls. Scammers use illegal robocalls!

- **WATCH** for emails CLAIMING to be from the CDC or WHO. They're usually SCAMS.



- **DON'T** click on links from sources you don't know!



- **NEVER** donate in cash, gift cards, AND/OR by wiring money.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF IDENTITY THEFT

- Foster Youth are **IMPACTED DISPROPORTIONATELY**

- Due to the rapid changes being made and new programs rolling out in response to COVID-19, there has been an **INCREASE** of online trade of information (online shopping, direct stimulus payments, etc.) this **INCREASES the chances of FRAUD.**

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE

Think you're a VICTIM of IDENTITY FRAUD? Let LACY help!

Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (LACY)

provides FREE legal support for CURRENT and FORMER foster youth (up to age 25)

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