

# How to recognise ID theft



## What is ID theft?

Identity theft occurs when someone steals your personally identifiable information (e.g. name, credit card number, social security number, driving license number, etc.) for fraudulent purposes.

## The purpose of ID theft could be:



Opening a credit account or a bank account (to write bogus cheques or obtain loans)



Hijacking email accounts



Taking over insurance policies



Selling the information to other fraudsters online

## Common stealing methods used by attackers:

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Phishing, vishing and smishing

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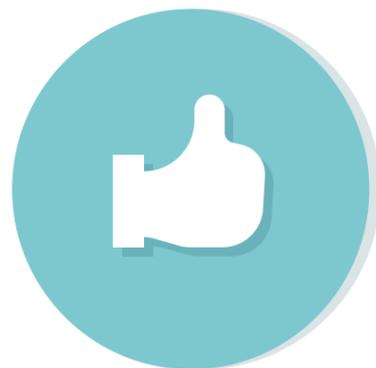
Information openly available on internet

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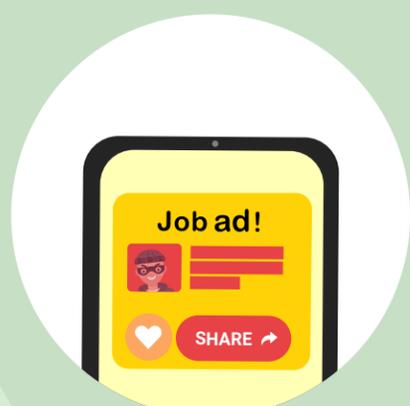
Unsecure Wi-Fi networks

## Protect yourself against ID theft!

- 1 Verify all requests for personal data.
- 2 Limit the amount of personal information you share online (e.g. social media).
- 3 Regularly monitor your online banking activities and credit card statements.
- 4 To keep your email secure, empty your mailbox as quickly as possible.
- 5 If you think you are a victim of ID theft, contact your bank immediately, collect all possible evidence and report it to the police.



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Cyberscam Sam posts a job ad on social media channels.

You submit your application (CV, cover letter, etc.) and your personal information (passport or ID).



Cyberscam Sam uses your personal details together with his photo to forge a new piece of identity.

Cyberscam Sam goes to a bank and uses the fake ID to open an account.



He uses the account to carry out illicit transactions.

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