

FPD FRAUD ALERT



DATA BREACH DISCLOSURE LAWS DON'T SLOW DOWN IDENTITY THEFT

In an article by Martin H. Bosworth of the website ConsumerAffairs.Com a consumer "fact of life" is brought plainly to the fore. Laws keep honest people honest. As that maxim applies, Identity Thieves continue to ply their trade in spite of laws designed to prohibit such actions.

Bosworth's article delves into the concept of large corporations that, losing sensitive consumer information by laptop thefts and other means generates consumer outcry and usually prompts the passing of new laws by our government. The point of the article is that passing laws does not and will not prevent Identity Theft.

People taking responsibility for their own personal identifying information is what will reduce Identity Theft. The actions to take include never giving your personal information (birth date; Social Security Number; Driver License number; Credit Card numbers; et al) to anyone you don't know well. Question why businesses, your doctor's office, insurance companies etc. need to have your information and if they can't give you a satisfactory answer don't provide the information.

To read Martin Bosworth's entire article about Data Breach Disclosure Laws visit: http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2008/06/data_breaches.html and remember Data Breach Disclosure Laws, much like "restraining orders" are designed to regulate human behavior. Honest, law-abiding people will obey these laws. Criminals by their very definition do not obey laws so do whatever you can to keep your information safe and you'll reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim of Identity Theft.

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT

For more information about how to avoid being victimized contact any of the Franklin Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit Officers by phone at 414-425-2522, or by email through our website: <http://www.franklinpdcrimeprevention.info>