

# 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

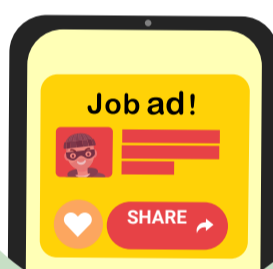
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Information openly available on internet

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Unsecure Wi-Fi networks

## Practical example:



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).

SUMBIT CV

M%#Y CV

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.

## 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.

