

FRAUD ALERT!

Our goal is to see that your personal and financial safety is secured. Looking to the New Year, here are 8 suggestions for 2008.

1. Make a choice to do what is safe rather than what is convenient or easy;
2. Keep your eyes and ears open for credible information about Identity Theft in magazine articles, the newspaper, the media, and on-line; use only information that can be verified; always read and share our monthly Fraud Alert wherever you can;
3. Check out any information you hear about Identity Theft by calling the Fraud Hotline (303-271-6980) and chatting with District Attorney's staff...we hear YOU!;
4. Remember that much of Identity Theft is perpetrated by someone known to the victim. Be alert and cautious even at times you may believe the environment/community is safe;
5. Reduce the financial and non-public personal information you carry on your person, in your car, or leave openly lying around your home;
6. 'Watch Out!' for the safety of others. Report suspicious activity you may see occurring to an unsuspecting individual or to a security or law enforcement agency; safety requires a community effort;
7. Invest some resources into improving your safety and the safety of your home and vehicle;
8. Schedule a "Power Against Fraud" crime prevention seminar, even if you've had one before. For some it will be, "Review is the mother of learning." For others, it will be a "Wake up" call to change life habits. Remember, the District Attorneys Office doesn't sell anything but safety.

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