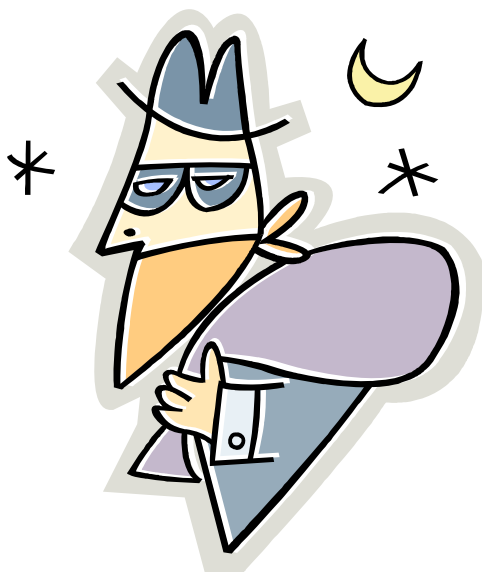


Protect Yourself From Identity Theft!



Youth in foster care are victims of identity theft at a much higher rate than other children and even than adults. This is partly because so many people have access to foster youths' social security number and other private information and some will use that information to get credit cards or otherwise steal from you. A new federal law entitles all youth in care to a free credit check plus help straightening out any problems they find. Ask your caseworker or attorney for help with this and make sure that you don't age out with bad credit.