

8 things to do after losing your wallet

If you lose your wallet or purse, or are a victim of theft, there are many things to think about.

What was in your wallet?

Do you know your credit card numbers?

Do you know the numbers to call to cancel your credit cards?

Is your Social Security card missing?

Are you missing a check book or ATM card?

How can you get a new driver's license?

A great way to have an answer to all of these questions and more is to have an inventory of the items in your wallet. This, obviously, needs to be made before a theft occurs, and should be stored in a safe place other than your wallet or purse!

If you weren't able to take an inventory of your wallet or purse and it is stolen, you should take eight actions immediately:

1. Immediately cancel all your credit and debit cards, letting your bank know that your wallet was lost or stolen. Request new copies of the cards with a new account number.
2. If you were the victim of theft, file a police report so there is an official record.

3. Report a missing driver's license to your state's department of motor vehicles and request a new copy.

4. Alert the fraud departments of the three major credit reporting companies. They will place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security Number. You can also request that they alert you before opening a line of credit in your name.

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289)

5. Request a replacement Social Security card online at www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/ and consider not carrying it in

your wallet in the future. We recommend never carrying your Social Security card in your wallet.

6. Contact either your company's HR department or your health insurance provider directly to get a replacement insurance card. If you've lost a Medicare card, contact the Social Security Administration to get a replacement.

7. Contact each company individually for other club membership, video rental and bonus club cards.

8. Pick out a new wallet.

Having your wallet lost or stolen can be traumatic. But these tips can help you recover.



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wallet inventory sheet

Keep this sheet in a very secure location!!

CREDIT CARD/ ATM Card	Bank Name/ Telephone Number	Account Number	Expiration Date
Checking Account	Bank Name/ Telephone Number	Account Number	Check #
Driver License #	Department of Revenue/ Motor Vehicles Telephone #		
Health Insurance	Company Name/Telephone #	ID #	Group #
Misc. Other Cards (Video, Gym, Student ID., Library, Etc.)			



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