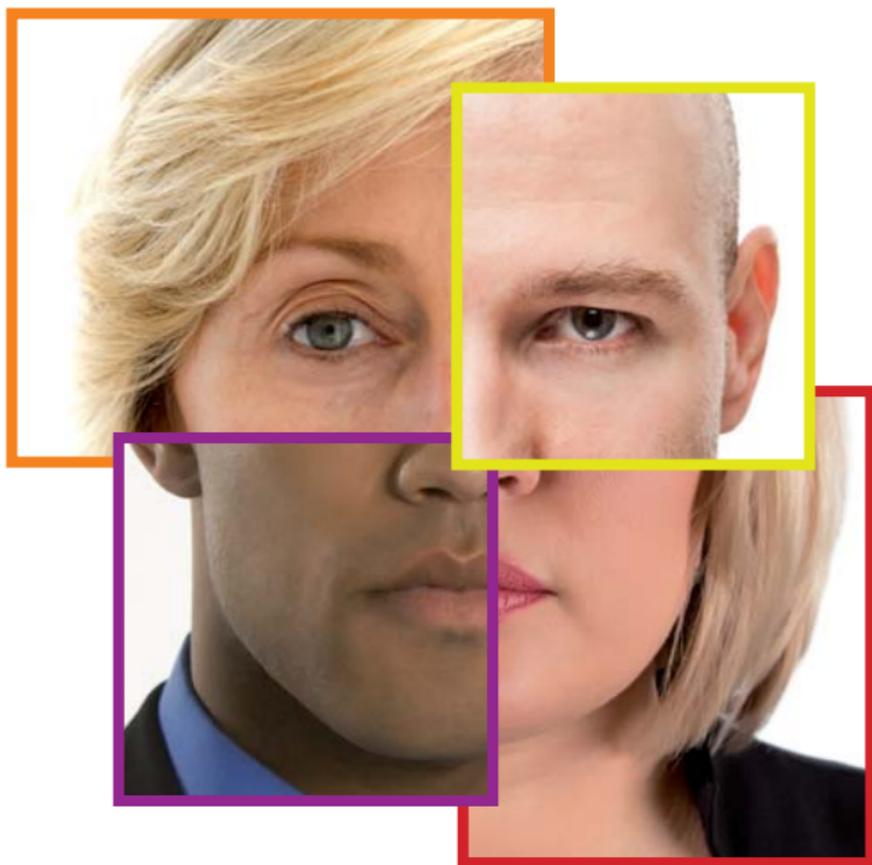


Your identity is **YOURS.**

Keep it that way.



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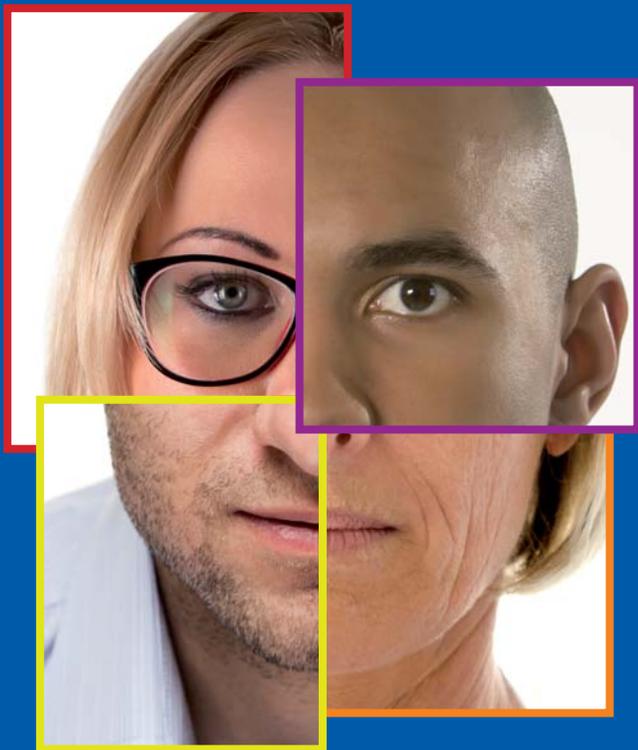


When a criminal steals your identity, they can use your name and personal details to steal from you, commit a crime or sign up for mortgages, loans, phone contracts and other finance in your name. They could also apply for a passport, drivers licence or other official documents, and even sell on your identity to other criminals.

That's why it's so vital to protect your identity against theft.

Identity theft can be carried out either online, physically using printed documents, or by a combination of the two.

To safeguard your identity, start by taking a few moments to read this leaflet.



Top tips for protecting your identity

- Never share account information with friends, family or other people.
- Always have effective and updated internet security software running on computers, and a security app on your mobile devices.
- On computers, make sure your firewall is always switched on.
- Arrange for paperless bills and statements.
- File away sensitive documents securely, and shred those you no longer need – preferably with a cross-cut shredder.
- Never divulge private information data in response to an email, text, letter or phone call unless you're certain that the request is authentic.
- Always beware of people looking over your shoulder when you're entering private information on a computer, smartphone/tablet or ATM.

For more information on protecting your identity, please visit

www.getsafeonline.org, click 'Protecting Yourself' and select 'Preventing Identity Theft'

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