

# Preventing Identity Theft



## If you don't think identity theft can affect you, think again.

Last year, an astonishing 12 million Americans were victimized.<sup>1</sup> And each year, those numbers continue to rise, with people of all ages being affected.

With your personal information in hand, identity thieves can wreak havoc on your finances by opening unauthorized credit cards and bank accounts, applying for loans, creating counterfeit checks and leaving you stuck with the bill. To make matters worse, they can create legal headaches for you that could drag on for years.

With your Hyatt Legal Plan you'll get expert legal advice on ways to prevent identity theft. More importantly, if your identity is stolen, you'll get the legal support you need.

### Here are just a few preventive tips from The Hyatt Legal Team:

- **CREATE PASSWORDS** for your credit card, bank and phone accounts and change them every 90 days.
- **LIMIT** the number of credit cards you carry.
- **MONITOR YOUR BILLS** routinely and shred them after payment.
- **CHECK YOUR CREDIT REPORT** at least once a year. You can obtain a free credit report each year from each of the three major credit bureaus.
- **MAKE COPIES** of important information in your wallet and store them in a secure place.

## Don't let legal problems derail you. Protect yourself with an affordable Hyatt Legal Plan.

To learn more about Hyatt Legal Plans, visit [info.legalplans.com](http://info.legalplans.com) or call the Client Service Center at 800-821-6400.

<sup>(1)</sup> 2013 Identity Theft Fraud Survey Report, "Javelin Strategy and Research, February 2013.

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