BE AWARE THAT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS ON MANY PUBLIC DATA SOURCES

Public data sources hold the personal information of many individuals. Your name, phone number, address, age, and sometimes people who are related to you (husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother), are available on these public data sources for anyone to see. Knowing that your information is available to the public can be a difficult feeling to bear; you might fear what other individuals can do with the information. Intelius, one of the public data resources, states that its information reflects the information that is available at your county’s land records office. However, there is a way to remove your personal information from these public data source – which can give you peace of mind and keep your identity safe.

Listed below are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of identity theft.

ENCINO:
Senior Lead Officer Robert Trulik Office (818) 374-7637
32325@lapd.lacity.org Cell (818) 731-2572
Contact Officer Trulik for information on the next Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Removing Personal Information From Intelius (www.intelius.com)

Make a clear photocopy of your state ID or driver's license. Along with the copy, write or type a request to "opt out" your personal information. Intelius cannot permanently remove your information but can "opt" it out, preventing it from being visible on the Internet.

Cross out your photograph and your driver's license number, if you are using your driver's license. Intelius only needs your name, date of birth and current address.

Fax your identification and written request to their office. Before faxing any documentation, make sure the fax number is correct; the website lists the number as (425) 974-6194. Allow for four to six weeks for Intelius to process your request.
LAKE BALBOA:
Senior Lead Officer David Ham Office (818) 374-7634
25717@lapd.lacity.org Cell (818) 731-2551

Senior Lead Officer Steve Olivares Office (818) 374-7635
34728@lapd.lacity.org Cell (818) 731-2554

Contact Officer Ham or Olivares for information on the next Lake Balboa Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

Removing Personal Information From US Search (www.ussearch.com)

Fill out the "opt out" form on the website. On the form, you will have to indicate your address and any aliases you may have used. Indicate the reason for your request. US Search can lock your information for a year, preventing it from appearing on the US Search website, ads "powered by US Search" and US Search Reports.

They have a $10 processing fee, which can be done with a debit or credit card.

Allow two business days for your request to be processed. Your personal information will not be visible for one year. If your information reappears during that year, the service will lock it again for no additional charge.

RESEDA:
Senior Lead Officer Royal Barber Office (818) 374-7629
33970@lapd.lacity.org Cell (818) 731-2580

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Next Neighborhood Watch Meetings – Thursday, March 14 and Thursday, April 11 – 7:00 p.m.
Ann Kinzle Community Room located in the L.A.P.D. West Valley Area Station

Removing Personal Information From Acxiom (www.acxiom.com)

Fill out the "opt out request form" on the website. On this form, you will include your name, address and reason for the request. Once you submit the form online, an "opt out package" will be mailed to you.

Fill out the documents in the package in their entirety, and sign.

Return the completed package so processing can begin.
Take Action

The three major credit card bureaus in the United States (Equifax, Trans Union and Experian) solicit pre-approved credit card applications that are mailed to you without you asking for them. Limit credit card pre-approved offer requests. To stop your name from receiving pre-approved credit card application, please call (888) 567-8688. This is a FREE service. Follow the prompts for being taken of their list permanently. You will receive their paperwork confirming the “opt out” request approximately one week after making the call.

TARZANA:
Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins          Office (818) 374-7632
35828@lapd.lacity.org                        Cell    (818) 731-2573

Contact Officer Scoggins for information on the next Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Be Proactive

Photocopy all the credit cards and insurance information in your wallet and keep it in a secure place like a safe or safe deposit box. Should you lose your wallet you have all your pertinent information at your fingertips. Cancel your credit cards IMMEDIATELY. The key is having all the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know who to call should this happen to you.

File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction were it was stolen. This proves to credit providers that you were diligent and first step towards an investigation. Call the three national credit card reporting agencies to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number.

The credit reporting agencies are:

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

Social Security Administration also has a fraud line (800) 269-0271.

What you should know about Registering Your Cell Phone or Home Phone on the National “Do Not Call Registry”

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. You can register your home or mobile phone for free. To add your number to the Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register, or go to https://telemarketing.donotcall.gov

Your registration will not expire. Telephone numbers placed on the National Do Not Call Registry will remain on it permanently due to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007, which became law in February 2008. Read more about it at http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/04/dncfyi.shtm

Information in this newsletter was provided by www.telemarketing.donotcall.gov and ehow.com
DMAchoice
Registration Form for Mailing Preferences

If you want to reduce the amount of unsolicited national advertising mail you receive at home, you may register with DMAchoice by mailing this form to the address below. They require you to include $1 for each completed form — check or money order payable to the DMA. Please do not send cash.

DMAchoice
Direct Marketing Association
PO Box 643
Carmel, NY 10512

Please allow 60 – 90 days after registration to begin receiving less mail. Your name and address will remain on DMAchoice for three years.

This form allows you to enter up to three individuals at the same address (or three variations of your name at the same address). For separate addresses, please use separate forms.

Primary Name
First: _____________________ Last: _____________________________

Secondary Names
First: _____________________ Last: _____________________________
First: _____________________ Last: _____________________________

Address:
Street: ______________________________________________________
City/State/Zip code: __________________________________________

DMA provides the DMAchoice file to national commercial and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of removing your name and home address from their mailing lists. (This service does not apply to advertising mail sent to a business address.) You will continue to receive mail from those organizations with which you already do business.

Please note that not all organizations use DMAchoice; therefore, you may continue to receive some mailings, including from local organizations and political organizations.

Signature: __________________________________________________

Email address: _____________________________________________

*Providing an email address will allow contact you when your three-year registration period expires.