

Step by Step: BANKRUPTCY



If your information has been stolen and you are a victim of identity theft, you have protections under federal law for ATM or debt card transactions. Act as soon as you discover a transaction you didn't make. Under the law, the amount you can lose depends on **how quickly** you report the loss. If you don't report within **60 days** of the date on the account statement showing the unauthorized withdrawals, you could lose **ALL** the money an identity thief took from your account.

HOW TO REPORT BANKRUPTCY FILED IN YOUR NAME		
STEP BY STEP:	NOTES:	
Contact the U.S. Trustee in the region where the bankruptcy was filed.	 Find Regional offices at www.usdoj.gov/ust or in the Blue Pages of the phone book under U.S. Government Bankruptcy Administration. Describe the situation and provide proof of your identity. 	
Consider hiring an attorney.	An attorney can explain to the court that the bankruptcy filing was fraudulent. 1 (800) 868-2284 SC Bar Lawyer Referall Service, "Find a Lawyer." **www.scbar.org** and click on "Find a Lawyer." 1 (888) 346-5592 SC Legal Services (For free or reduced fee legal services. You must meet income requirements to qualify.) **www.sclegal.org**	
ADDITIONAL STEPS		
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Request your credit reports.	Find additional information on page 1 of your toolkit.	
Place a fraud alert.	Find additional information on page 2 of your toolkit.	
Consider a security freeze.	Find additional information on page 1 of your toolkit.	
Update your files.	Record the dates you made calls or sent letters. Keep copies of letters in your files	

NOTES:

Remember to get written confirmation of resolutions made by phone.

For more information on filing a complaint or reporting a scam, visit www.consumer.sc.gov and "How Do I..."



