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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### *SCDCA Releases Guide to Identity Theft*

**Columbia, SC...**The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is releasing the consumer publication *Identity Theft: What You Need to Know*, a comprehensive guide on identity theft.

The seven-page guide covers steps consumers can take to deter, detect and defend against identity theft, including:

- ***Learn What Tools are at YOUR Disposal*** – A summary of FREE consumer protections available to defend against identity theft such as the fraud alert, security freeze and credit monitoring services.
- ***How to Place, Thaw & Lift a Security Freeze*** – Detailed information for contacting each credit reporting agency to place, thaw or lift the freeze. Consumers can also learn how to get a new PIN if they lose the first one.
- ***Are YOU a Victim of Identity Theft*** – Details on steps a consumer should take in the event that their identity is actually stolen.

For more information on protecting against Identity Theft, including information on placing a security freeze, visit our “[Identity Theft Resources](#)” webpage at [www.consumer.sc.gov](http://www.consumer.sc.gov). Consumers can also contact SCDCA’s Identity Theft Unit at 800-922-1594 for additional identity theft prevention tips or for tailored guidance to minimize the negative effects of an identity theft event.

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SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit [www.consumer.sc.gov](http://www.consumer.sc.gov) or call toll-free, 1.800.922.1594.

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