
Words to Know: Recovering from Identity Theft

(Basic / Beginning)

Teacher: Edit this handout to include only the 6-8 words you need or want to emphasize with your learners.

Word	Example Sentence
account	I protect my bank account information.
bill	You should review your bills carefully before you pay them.
charge	You might find strange charges.
credit bureau	Credit bureaus gather information about your credit history.
credit card	An identity thief might apply for a credit card in your name.
credit history	You need to know what is in your credit history.
credit report	Read your credit report carefully for mistakes.
crime	Identity theft is a serious crime.
debt	An identity thief can increase your debt.
debt collector	A debt collector will ask you to pay late bills.
freeze	If you freeze an account, no one can use it.
identity	The thief used my identity to get three credit cards.
identity theft report	An identity theft report is important for recovering from identity theft.
insurance	Identity thieves may want to use your insurance.
medical	Medical services are tied to your identity.
personal identification number (PIN)	Change your PIN immediately if someone steals your identity.
recovery plan	Your personal recovery plan will include several specific steps.
Social Security number	Keep your Social Security number in a safe place.
tax refund	Identity thieves can get your tax refund if they file taxes in your name.
thief	An identity thief stole my driver's license.
utility	Utility account numbers should be kept in a safe place.
withdrawal	My bank statement lists a withdrawal that I did not make.