

## Fraud: Stealing Identities

My name is Toby. I don't think it's possible to really *steal* my name. . . after all, if you did, wouldn't that mean I was left here, nameless? And that's just not possible. But, it's possible for you to take my name—and probably my birthday, my [social security](#) number and maybe other personal data—to *use* my name by pretending to be me.

Who knows what you could do with my name: spend my money, borrow money, get married. . . lots of stuff. (I don't think I've ever heard of anyone getting married under a stolen name.) When that happens, it's possible that I could lose a lot of money. . .and maybe even wake up married.

When this happens, this is called identity theft. My identity is stolen. Today we're going to talk about different kind of identity theft. (Because I don't know much about this, I got my information from the [Wikipedia page](#), if you want to read it there.) We're going to talk about:

- Financial Identity Theft
- Criminal Identity Theft
- Medical Identity Theft

### After You've Heard the Recording

Do you worry about this happening to you? Do you think it's very possible? What do you to protect your identity from theft?