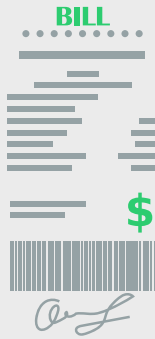


Foster Youth Identity Theft

Red Flags



Collection agencies call asking for the youth. Receiving calls or letters alleging the youth owes money for services or goods they didn't purchase.

Receiving bills or credit card statements in the youth's name. Unusual charges in a bank account or on credit card.

Receiving pre-approved credit card offers or other financial offers in the youth's name (these are usually only sent to adults).



Being denied a credit card or financial aid because an account already exists in the youth's name or due to a credit history that does not apply to the youth.

Receiving letters from the IRS indicating taxes due or delinquent. Being unable to file taxes because the youth has already been claimed or taxes have been filed using the youth's information.

For assistance, visit the **Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC)** www.idtheftcenter.org