

identity theft

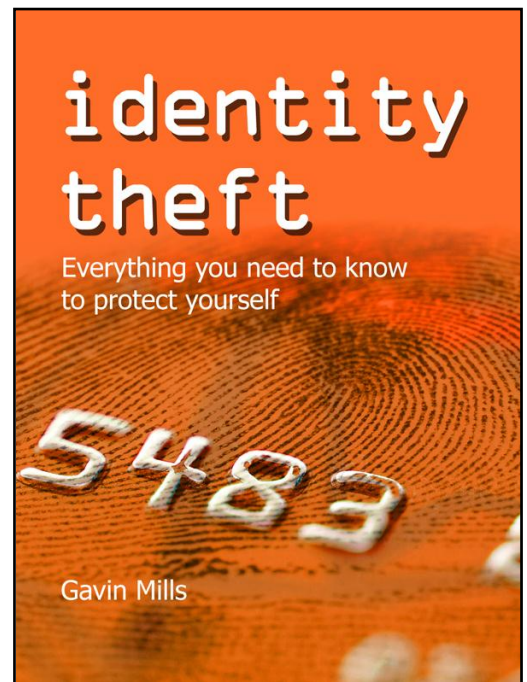
Everything you need to know
to protect yourself

By **Gavin Mills**

Did you know...?

**Almost £1.4 million worth of credit card
crime occurs on UK plastic cards every day.¹**

**Impersonation of the dead is the fastest
growing form of identity theft in Britain,
with a year on year increase of 60%²**



If you have never been the victim of identity theft, count yourself lucky. But luck is not enough. This book is essential reading for everyone, as we are all potential victims. Learn how to protect yourself against it, how to spot the warning signs and what to do if you think someone may have stolen your identity.

Identity theft is a horrifying and traumatic experience. It's easy to imagine the frustration at being wrongly denied a credit card or loan. Worse are the sleepless nights after threatening phone calls from creditors anxious to retrieve cash loaned in your name.

It can also be much more serious. Identity theft is linked to organised crime in illegal immigration and human trafficking, drug couriers and money laundering – for these criminals, identity theft is a way of avoiding detection. Home Office figures estimate that identity fraud costs the UK economy £1.72 billion pounds a year. It is a growth industry that affects everyone.

Knowing how to protect yourself is vital to avoiding the distress and inconvenience that comes with being the victim of identity theft.

“More than £1.6m of card fraud occurs on plastic cards every day, here's how to spot the warning signs and what to do if you think that someone may have stolen your identity.”

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Note to Editors

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Identity Theft is available through Summersdale (ISBN: 9780955195776; PB; 128 pages; £3.99). It is available through all good bookshops and internet booksellers or by telephoning Mail Order at Summersdale on: +44 (00) 1243 771 107



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