

# Types of Identity Theft

## **Financial:**

Using another's information/identity in order to obtain credit, goods, or services.

## **Criminal:**

Using another's information/identity when apprehended for a crime; i.e., a person stopped by law enforcement supplies another person's name.

## **Governmental:**

Supplying another's information to a government agency; e.g., giving another person's information to the IRS.

## **Medical:**

Receiving medical care or drugs using another person's information or identity.

### EXAMPLES OF COMMON VICTIM IMPACT ISSUES

- Increased prevalence of ID theft crimes: 9.6 million new victims in 2010
- Time spent working to resolve the financial and credit problems by the victim
  - 20% of surveyed victims spent more than a month from the discovery of the ID theft trying to clear up the problems.
- Ongoing victimization
  - 3% of victims surveyed in the 2008 Identity Theft Supplement to the National Crime victimization Survey reported experiencing problems related to the theft more than 6 months after discovering it.
- Child identity theft a growing problem, especially among foster children
- Interfamilial/caregiver ID theft among elderly populations
- Lack of social support
  - Victim may suffer related mental distress w/out support
  - Victim may need assistance with paperwork requirements (e.g., sending in all documents by certified mail), but may not have anyone available to assist him

- Financial losses (62% of ID theft victims reported direct or indirect financial losses).
  - No restitution under Idaho law
- 2 out of 10 ID theft victims rated the experience as “severely distressing”
- Not understanding their rights as victims in the criminal proceedings

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