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The Secret Life of Your Personal Information; Government Resources on Identity Theft

Identity theft became a federal crime in 1998 when Congress passed the **Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act**. The law established the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) which maintains the *Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse* and the *Identity Theft Resource Center*. Federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration, Health and Human Services, the Department of Justice, and the U.S. Postal Service have taken action to inform citizens about the threat.

“The Secret Life of Your Personal Information; Government Resources on Identity Theft” highlights consumer alerts, bulletins, reports, hearings, and other government publications intended to inform and assist consumers.

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