



IDENTITY THEFT PASSPORT

An explanation of the Iowa Attorney General's Identity Theft Passport Program (IDPP)

DEFINING ID THEFT



ID theft (defined in Iowa Code §715A.8) occurs if someone uses or attempts to use identification information (name, SSN, credit card or driver's license numbers, etc.) of another individual with the intent to obtain credit, property, services, or other benefits. Iowa Code §715A.9A permits the AG's Office to issue Identity Theft Passports to victims of ID theft. A privacy breach where one's identifying information is obtained by a scam or other event is not ID theft unless the victim's information has been used or attempted to be used fraudulently.



PURPOSE OF THE IDPP

The IDPP can help victims quickly substantiate their claims of ID theft to law enforcement, debt collectors, credit reporting agencies, and other relevant parties. In cases where the ID thief has used the victim's ID to commit crimes, the IDPP may prevent a victim's arrest. Approved applicants receive a small card verifying they are a victim of ID theft that includes their name, photo, and the date the crime was reported to law enforcement.



APPLICATION MATERIALS

To apply for the IDPP, the ID theft must be reported to law enforcement and the victim must reside in Iowa at the time of crime OR the crime must have occurred in Iowa. A complete IDPP application contains the following: 1) Victim Application, 2) Notarized Law Enforcement Verification Form, 3) Law enforcement report of ID theft, 4) Supporting documentation (copies of fraudulent bills, credit reports, court documents, etc.) and 5) a color copy of the victim's photo ID.



APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Email application materials to Elizabeth.Martine@ag.iowa.gov or mail to the Iowa Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division. Ideally, law enforcement submits all (5) above application materials in one tidy packet. If application materials are missing, CVAD will contact the victim and/or law enforcement agency. Passports cannot be issued with incomplete applications.



FURTHER QUESTIONS?

IDPP paperwork is available for download at www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov. For questions, to request copies of applications or brochures, or to discuss further training, contact Lizzie Martin at Elizabeth.Martine@ag.iowa.gov or call 515.281.5044.