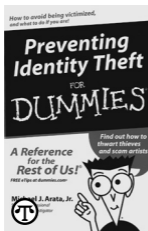


# Protecting Your Finances

## Preventing Identity Theft

(NAPSA)—If you've ever been a victim of identity theft, you have lots of company. Over 27.3 million Americans have been victims of identity theft in the last five years, including 9.9 million people in the last year alone.



This may account for the popularity of “Preventing Identity Theft For Dummies” (Wiley, \$14.99), a book that shows you how to protect yourself from America’s

fastest-growing crime.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name, address, Social Security number, bank or credit card number or other identifying information without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. “Preventing Identity Theft” helps readers understand what identity theft is, minimize their risks, maintain vigilance, choose who to share personal information with, and how to determine if you are a victim. The book also provides thorough information on what to do and how to act quickly should you become a victim of identity theft.

The information is provided in straightforward but fun language that has defined the “Dummies” series for over 10 years. It is written for anyone who has a name, Social Security number, a job, bank account and/or possesses credit cards.

The book is available at bookstores across the nation or by visiting [www.dummies.com](http://www.dummies.com).