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As we conclude National Identity Theft Awareness Week, I want to stress the importance of being on guard against fraud. Identity theft affects millions of Americans every year and can cause extreme hardship for victims.

The [Federal Trade Commission received more than 1.1 million reports nationwide](#) of identity theft in 2022. The FTC also reports that consumers lost nearly \$8.8 billion to this form of fraud in 2022, a 30% increase from the previous year.

We issued tips this week for Floridians to avoid falling victim to fraud, including:

- Be cautious when sharing personal information online by ensuring websites are secure and reputable before providing any sensitive data;
- Shred documents containing personal details before discarding;
- Regularly review bank statements, credit card bills and financial accounts for unauthorized transactions or suspicious activities; and
- Explore options for credit-monitoring services that can provide alerts for any suspicious activities related to your credit profile.

View our *Scams at a Glance: Identity Theft* resource [here](#) to learn more about avoiding identity thieves and what to do if personal information is stolen.

You can report identity theft to local law enforcement or the FTC online at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft).

By protecting your identity online, you can avoid fraud and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Moody".

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