



IDENTITY CRIME IN AUSTRALIA

Estimated **annual costs** of at least



\$2.2b

costs to individual victims, business and government agencies.

ID crime is a key enabler of serious and organised crime

Used to facilitate **retail fraud, financial crime, money laundering, drug trafficking** and **terrorism**.

Most victims lose **\$400 or less** per incident, but this can range **up to hundreds of thousands**

Victims of identity crime

spend an average of...



repairing the damage caused.



IDENTITY CRIME

is one of the most common crime types in Australia

- Each year it's estimated that around **5%** of Australians (**970,000 people**) experience financial losses as a result of identity crime.
- Every **20 seconds** an Australian is a victim of identity crime.

- **1 in 5** Australians (**21.5%**) have been a victim at some point in their lives.
- More common than robbery, motor vehicle theft, household break in, or assault.

Non-financial impacts to victims

10%

1 in 10 identity crime victims suffered mental or emotional distress

7%

1 in 14 wrongly accused of a crime.

Identity crime is underreported with one third of Australians (38%) not reporting the crime, of these:

- **38%** did not believe the police/authority would do anything
- **22%** too embarrassed
- **28%** did not know where or how to report

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF IDENTITY CRIME REPORT THE MATTER TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE

Or if it occurred online, report it via **ACORN**, the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network at www.acorn.gov.au

Contact IDCARE call **1300 432 273** or visit www.idcare.org

Contact the identity credential issuing organisation