



Protecting You From Identity Theft

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The Clerk & Comptroller's Office of Palm Beach County holds the majority of county records, including deeds, military records and marriage licenses. In compliance with state law, official records dating back to 1968 are currently

available on our Web site at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com. To address privacy concerns, the Florida Legislature has required Clerks across the state to go back and blacken out personal information contained in these records, such as social security numbers and bank account numbers.

Our office has used the most modern technology to remove this personal information. But, the technology is not perfect, so you should still make every effort to protect your personal information.

There is no question that government should be conducted in the "sunshine." However, I am pleased that the Legislature has recognized that *sunshine* shouldn't shed light on certain personal information, which in the wrong hands could cost you time, grief and money.

Best regards,

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What We Can Do To Help

- Visit us online at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com.
 - » Click on "Privacy" under Public Records for information about Florida's privacy laws and forms to request removal of protected information from the public record.
 - » Click on "Official Records." Search for your name and check your documents. If you find any of the following types of protected information, you may download a form from our Privacy Web page to request its removal.
 - Social Security Numbers or bank account numbers on any documents.
 - Military Discharges, Death Certificates or Family, Juvenile or Probate court documents.
 - If you work in a protected profession, such as law enforcement, some personal information can be removed from documents. A list of qualified professions is available on our Privacy Web page.
- Visit one of our offices, where trained employees will show you how to find your documents and request removal of certain personal information.
- Reach us at (561) 355-2996 or toll free from South County or the Glades at (888) 760-9206 for help
- Call (561) 355-2468 to schedule a speaker from the Clerk & Comptroller's Speakers' Bureau who will visit your office or group to discuss ways to prevent identity theft.

If You Are a Victim

- File a police report.
- Call Florida's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM and the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-ID-THEFT.

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