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Identity theft victims are at risk of significant harm when their lab results become intermingled with those of a thief, as lab-related diagnosis of the thief can be assigned falsely to the victim. Specific risks include:

- Wrong blood type leading to risk of transfusion error
- False maternity or paternity determinations
- Wrong allergy test results leading to pharmacy error
- Positive drugs of abuse screen leading to loss of employment
- Positive lab results that lead to loss of life insurance