IDENTITY THEFT





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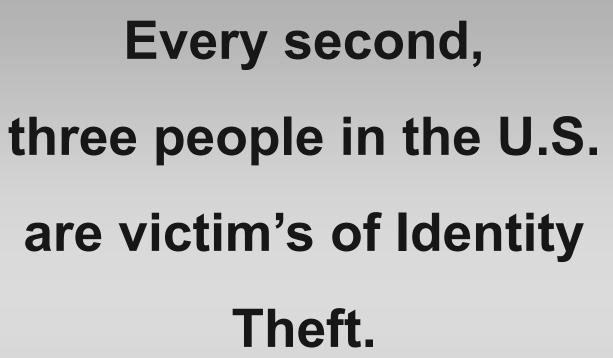




OBJECTIVES

- 1. Define Identity Theft
- 2. Discuss why you should worry about it
- 3. Examine how Identity Theft occurs
- Look at how Identity Theft has emerged
- 5. Discuss what is being done about I.T.
- 6. Look at ways to protect yourself.







* According to California DOJ







By noon today, <u>27,000</u>
people in the U.S. will become victims of I.T.
(9000 secs / 2.5 hours)



* According to California DOJ



As of February 2019, more than 740 million accounts stolen from 24 different websites were found up for sale in online markets (sellers ask for \$14,000 - \$20,000 in bitcoin)



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Most recent data breaches as of last month:

MyFitnessPal (owned by UnderArmour) – 150 million accounts stolen from hackers

MyHeritage – 92 million accounts



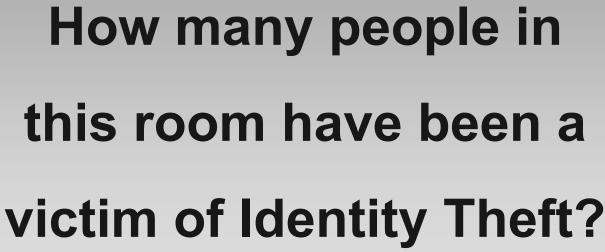
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2019 worst data breaches:

- Fortnite 200 million users compromised
- MyFitnessPal (owned by UnderArmour) – 150 million accounts stolen from hackers
- 3. MyHeritage 92 million accounts
- 4. <u>Dunkin Donuts</u> twice in three months were hacked.



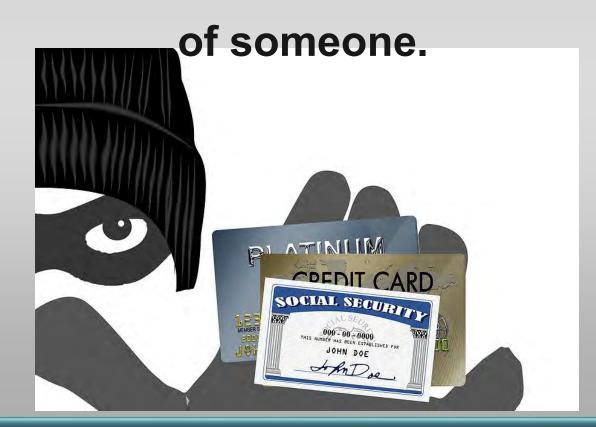








If you have a social security number &/or a credit card, your info is the wrong hands







1936: SS# first used by U.S.
 Government. Was
 supposed to be limited to
 SS programs.

- Today it's the most frequently used recordkeeping number in the U.S.





- Social Security #'s are NOT issued sequentially.
- First 3 #'s represent the state in which you applied for SS card (area code)
- Second 3 are group #'s
- Last 4#'s are serial numbers





You can get a different SS# if you are the victim of Identity

Theft?





You can get a different SS# if you are the victim of Identity Theft?

- TRUE -

But it is very difficult, time consuming, & all resources to fix problems from misuse would have to be exhausted





TRUE or FALSE?

Seniors (age 65 +) are the most targeted group for Identity Theft?





Seniors are the most targeted group for Identity Theft?

- FALSE -

Students age 18-25 (31%)

(Why? Because it takes them

3 times longer to find out)



TRUE or FALSE?

Identity Theft is easily resolved?



Identity Theft is easily resolved?

- FALSE -

It takes an average of 6 months and 250+ hrs to recover from each I.T. incident





The best way to prevent
Identity Theft is NOT to shop
online?







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- FALSE -

More than half of all Identity
Theft happens OFFLINE.



Women are more concerned about Identity Theft than men?







Women are more concerned about Identity Theft than men?

- TRUE -

2011 survey, showed women more concerned on every I.T. question, & 4 out of 10 were very concerned.







The most common type of Identity Theft is Credit Card Fraud?







The most common type of Identity Theft is Credit Card Fraud?

- TRUE -

54% of Identity Theft is CC Fraud (due to ease of applying)





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Drug trafficking has officially been replaced by Identity Theft as the number one crime?

- TRUE -

40 million cases reported in 2016





TRUE or FALSE?

Minorities are more often victims of Identity Theft?





Minorities are more often victims of Identity Theft?

- FALSE -

White, non-Hispanic's make up 38% of all I.T. cases.





TRUE or FALSE?

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- TRUE -

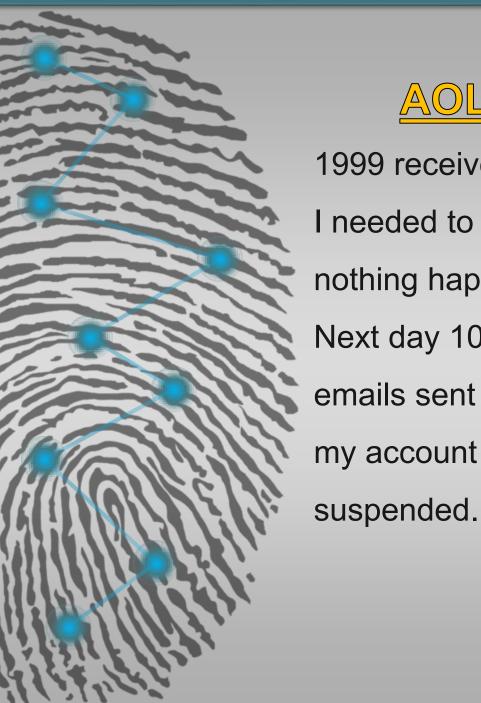
A good portion out of Newport Beach. NY is close at 11%





MY EXPERIENCE W/ I.T.

- 1. AOL
- 2. Landmark Steakhouse phone call
- 3. Recent U.S. Bank phishing phone call
- 4. Arby's & El Pollo Loco Skimmer
- 5. Community Mailbox (331 Ave. 11)
- 6. Vehicle break-in in driveway
- 7. AZ left dayplanner w/ CCs on ATM
- 8. Dad call w/ "AOL Tech Support"



AOL LOG-IN SCREEN

1999 received an email from "AOL" saying I needed to log-in. After trying it 3 times,

nothing happened.

Next day 10k+, spam emails sent & my account

Sign In	Ao
Username or Email	
Ĺ	
Password	
Remember Me	Forgot password?
Sig	n In
Sign up for a	FREE account



LANDMARK STEAKHOUSE

2010 – Video Relay Service (VRS) or Deaf Relay Service.

Relay Service call taker ordered 2k in food.

Wanted
me to
pay driver
cash





U.S. BANK PHISHING CALL

- Caller from "U.S. Bank" asked me if I recently made a purchase from Best Buy in

Nashville, TN for \$2700. When I said No, caller asked if card still in my possession. Asked for CC# to verify.





MAILBOX BREAK-IN

Seven times broken into. Prior year stole

tax returns.





VEHICLE BREAK-IN

Broke into my wife's vehicle after seeing

her purse on the front seat. Used both of our credit cards at two Walmart's, two Gas Stations, fast food in under 90 minutes.

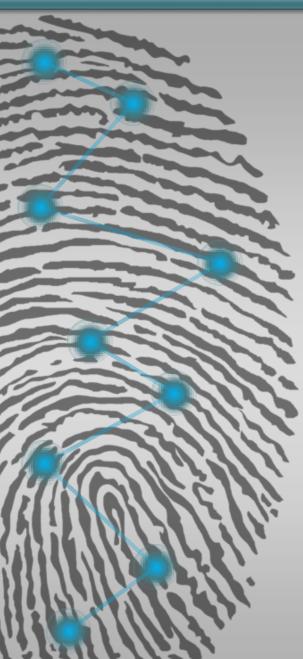




Dayplanner / ATM in AZ

Used ATM at BofA – Tempe, AZ. Left my dayplanner with all my credit cards on top of it. Discover Card constantly calling.



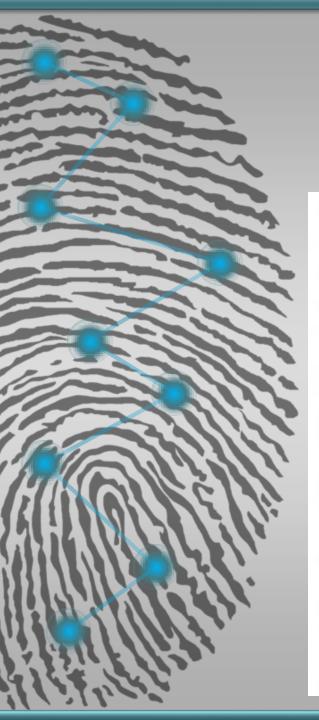


AOL TECH SUPPORT

Visited my 79 year old dad who was on the phone for a while with an online rep from AOL letting him know his account was breached. Person on the other end had my

dad download an app so the "rep" could log in remotely to see my dads computer.





MAJOR COMPANIES **BREACHED SINCE 2012**

Breach of Target customer data

Target says about 40 million credit and debit card accounts may be affected by a data breach. Cards that were swiped during purchases at Target stores in the U.S. between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 may have been compromised.



Target says the breach affected store purchases and not online transactions. The stolen data includes:

Three-digit security code on back of card

The store advised customers to:

Check statements carefully

Report suspicious charges to credit card company and call Target at 866-852-8680

Report cases of identity theft to law enforcement or the Federal Trade Commission

SOURCE: The company



MAJOR COMPANIES BREACHED SINCE 2013

2017 - EQUIFAX (143 million)

2016 – Adult FriendFinder (412.2 million)

2015 – Anthem Insurance (78.8 million)

2014 - ebay (145 million)

2014 - CHASE bank (76 million)

2014 – Home Depot (56 million)

2013 - YAHOO (3 billion!!!)

2013 – Target (110 million)



EQUIFAX BREACH

Hackers stole half of the U.S. populations SS# and Driver's License #.

Go to: www.equifaxsecurity2017.com to see if your information has been compromised.



MAJOR COMPANIES BREACHED SINCE 2011

Chick-fil-A

Sony pictures (employees only)

United States Postal Service

Staples

Kmart

US Office of Personal Management

Sony Play Station Network

RSA Security



HOW EASY IS IT TO GET YOUR INFO

Genealogy websites contain massive amounts of data about people.

(ancestry.com / 23andme /

FamilyTreenow.com)

- Ancestry.com no longers shares SS#'s from those deceased less than 10 years.

However, many people still claim SScards can be access on the site.



2019 / 2020 New Scams

<u>Airbnb Rentals</u> – fake ads for non existent property where user pays the scamster directly

Home Improvement – especially for older adults. Door to door salesman trying to sell home improvements. Make you pay up front then don't show up for the service.

Netflix – scam usually deals with a "payment declined" email or phone call. User should log in to Netflix account to verify.



2019 / 2020 New Scams

Amazon – order cancellation fake email.

Goal is trick victim into downloading malware (spoofing) or redirect them to a fake Amazon website that asks for username and password.

Veterans – phony phone call solicitations for charity contributions or pension buyouts.

Make sure to independently verify. Go to their website.,

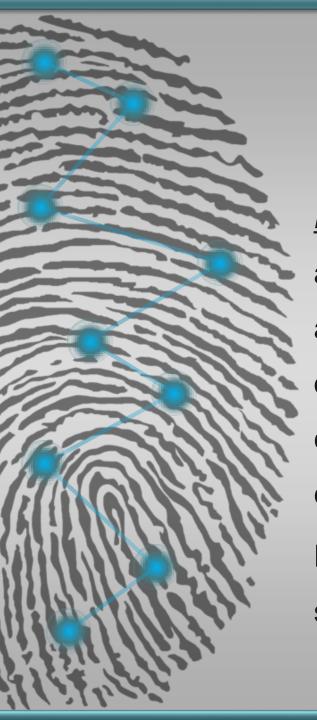


2019 / 2020 New Scams

Charging cable scam – be careful to charge your cell phone in public (i.e. airport, Starbucks). Huge increase in L.A. county. AKA "Juice Jacking" where you plug in and your cellphone data is downloaded to a

remote server





HOW EASY IS IT TO GET YOUR INFO

FamilyTreeNow.com contains a remarkable amount of personal information including age, home address (current and past), name of family members, copies of birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates.

Removal process is cumbersome, and in some cases does not work at all.





The @familytreenow site is a nightmare. They dox you & your family with a total disregard for safety. The "Opt Out" option doesn't work.

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HOW EASY IS IT TO GET YOUR INFO

Spokeo.com

Intelius.com

HOW EASY IS IT TO GET UR INFO



EXTECH Raymarine

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There's an invisible world right next to the one you see every day, just waiting for you to explore it with the FLIR ONE. Whether you're seeing the world in a whole new way or just finding problems around the house, FLIR ONE's thermal camera gives you a new view of your everyday world. Discover what's been around you all the time, with FLIR ONE. The FLIR ONE app requires sign in, which enables automatic warranty registration and access to all the latest updates from FLIR.

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REQUEST INFO

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HOW EASY IS IT TO GET YOUR INFO

Flir.com – thermal camera that displays infrared which allows you to see the temperature of things up to 15 mins

Latest technique on how to steal an ATM pin number

Written by Odipo Riaga 😊





WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

The 3 layers of the WWW:

Surface web vs

Deep Web vs

Dark Web



WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?





WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

SURFACE or OPEN WEB – what most people use. Includes news articles, blog posts, social media, google searches, general info. Facebook, Tik Tok, Google, Yahoo, ESPN, etc. Only 4% of the use of the WWW is done on the Surface Web



WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

DEEP WEB – this is not the Dark web which it is often confused with and used interchangeably. These are outside the reach of search engines. Only accessible through certain browsers, and is often the basis for criminal activity since users can remain anonymous. Basically they are unindexed web databases a search engine can't reach.



WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

DEEP WEB – except for law enforcement and the intelligence community, most organizations have no interest in gathering data from this part of the web. And it's mostly not censored or regulated. (ex. Medical records, financial records, govnmnt resources, legal docs, scientific reports)



WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

DEEP WEB – Gold mine of info, but access usually goes through some sort of login. Deep web, while less accessible, is potentially more valuable for businesses and organizations since it's hundred of times larger than the surface web and the content it serves up is often a more authoritative source of info.



WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

DARK WEB – an encrypted online content that is not indexed by conventional search engines. Very secure and very private. Identities are almost always concealed. Hotspot for criminal activity. Used to keep internet activity hidden. (ex. Wikileaks, Russian anonymous marketplace, hidden wiki, dream market)



WHAT DO THEY DO WITH YOU INFO?

DARK WEB – tons of child porn.

Terrorist activity. Human trafficking.

Murder for hire. Identity theft (fake birth certificates, real cc numbers, fake citizenship papers, fake IDs, real bank account numbers). These can all be purchased with bitcoin (cryptocurrency

a computer file stored in a digital wallet)

WHAT IS IDENTITY THEFT?





IDENTITY THEFT IS:

- One person, using personal information gathered from some source, takes on the identity of another person without permission and conducts a variety of activities using that identity.
- The intent is to use that identity for personal gain, generally with the intent to defraud others.





IDENTITY THEFT IS:

California Penal Code 530.5(a) is the primary law addressing criminal Identity Theft.

"Every person who willfully obtains personal identifying information, of another person, and uses that information for any unlawful purpose, including to obtain credit, goods, services, real property, or medical information without the consent of that person..."



IDENTITY THEFT PENALTY:

- California Penal Code 530.5 is a wobbler (can be charged as a misdemeanor or a felony).
- Usually depends on the monetary value of damages.

WHY WORRY ABOUT I.T.?





WHY WORRY ABOUT I.T.?

- One in 33 households discovered at least one type of identity theft during the previous 12 months.
- Households with the highest incomes and those headed by persons ages 18–25 were the most likely victims.
- One in five victimized households spent about two months resolving problems resulting from identity theft.
- Identity theft is of greater concern to adults with older children at home (45%) than those with younger children at home (27%).



WHY WORRY ABOUT I.T.?

Victims of Identity Theft and those who know victims, are far more likely to be concerned about this issue than those who have not been victims.

- Concern among victims, 60%; versus among non-victims, 31%
- Concern among those who know a victim,
 45%; versus concern among those who do not know a victim, 32%



WHY WORRY ABOUT I.T.?

Deterrence and apprehension are not yet effective. *PREVENTION* is the best defense.

There are jurisdictional problems concerning where the crime occurs.

It is an attractive crime to criminals because of its low risk and high return.

IS IT A PROBLEM?

2017 Identity Theft study
by Javelin Strategy &
Research, found that over
\$16 billion was stolen
from 15.4 million U.S.
consumers in 2016 alone.

In the past 6 years, identity thieves have stolen over \$107 billion.

IDENTITY THEFT



<u>IS IT A PROBLEM?</u>

- The good news is most people are taken for less than \$100 (most times they are reimbursed by banks).
- Only 14% of I.T. victims lose their money.
- Only 2% of I.T. victims lose more then \$1000.

IDENTITY THEFT







HOW VICTIM'S INFO WAS MISUSED IN 2015	PERCENT
Government documents or benefits fraud	49.2%
Credit Card Fraud	15.8%
Phone or utilities fraud	9.9%
Bank fraud	5.9%
Attempted Identity Theft	3.7%
Loan Fraud	3.5%
Employment related fraud	3.3%
Other Identity Theft	19.2%

TOP 5 STATES FOR I.T. CASES

- 1. District of Columbia
- 2. CALIFORNIA
- 3. Florida
- 4. Massachusetts
- 5. Nevada





HOW DOES I.T. HAPPEN?





STEP 1: Getting the Identity

- Thieves look for information in a number of ways.
 - Discarded documents in the trash.
 - Receipts from purchases.
 - Lost or stolen wallets / purses.
 - Online "phishing"
 - Stolen mail from mailboxes
 - New, inventive ways daily





STEP 1: Getting the Identity (cont.)

 Some thieves obtain lists of personal information through computer hacking, theft, or bribery.

- The information may be resold to other crooks or used numerous times by the original thief or thieves.
- Profits may be used to support additional criminal activities, such as drug use and terrorism.



What are some important numbers associated with a person that thieves might want to steal or gain access to?



8 NUMBERS IDENTITY THIEVES WANT TO STEAL FROM YOU:

- Phone #'s
- Dates & Zips
- PIN Codes
- Social Security#'s

- Bank Account #'s
- Driver's License #
 - & Passport #
- Health Insurance account #'s
- I.P. Addresses



WHAT OTHER INFORMATION DO IDENTITY THIEVE'S OBTAIN?

Email addresses, full name, online passwords, mother's maiden name, 4 digit code on back of you cc card, PIN's, what city you were born



STEP 2: Exploiting the Identity

With the information available, the thief may have false ID cards made.

- State driver's license with the thief's picture & victim's name
- State identification card
- Social Security card
- Employer identification card
- Credit cards



STEP 2: Exploiting the Identity

The thief may simply begin leveraging one piece of information to obtain or establish other information or assets.

These may include

- New credit card accounts
- State or local licenses
- Accounts with utility companies, apartment leases, or even home mortgages



STEP 3: Discovering the Theft

- The thief continues to build a "persona" using the victim's name, good credit, and even good character references. The thief never pays the bills, but the victim is left with a bad name and ruined credit.
- Eventually, the victim tries to get a new credit account and is turned down, or gets a bill for a credit card he or she never owned, or starts getting calls from bill collectors.



STEP 3: Discovering the Theft

- The thief might abandon the victim's identity because he or she has "spoiled" the name of the victim (e.g., with a criminal offense or bankruptcy).
- When the crime or ruined credit is discovered, the victim is left to clean up the mess.
- On average it takes 132 days before Identity Theft is discovered.



STEP 4: Reporting & Restoring

- The victim reports the theft to the local police & to nation's 3 credit bureaus.
- The victim asks the credit bureaus to note the identity theft crime on his or her credit report.
- The victim may need to consult with a local victims' assistance agency or an attorney to obtain information on the necessary, specific steps in a given state.



STEP 4: Reporting & Restoring

 The victim can also file an online report and affidavit with the Federal Trade Commission registry at www.ftc.gov. Go to the identity theft section.



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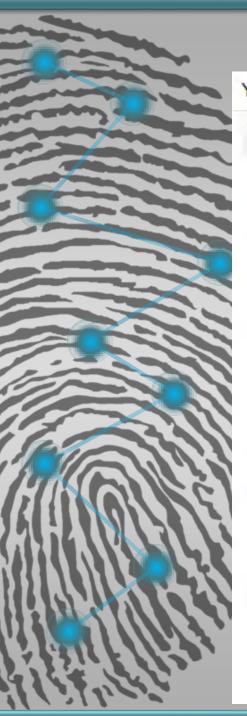




WHAT IS PHISHING?

The fraudulent practice of sending electronic communication (emails, social media, etc) purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords, user names, & credit card #'s.





Your Barclays Bank Account Has Been Blocked(Verification Required)





Barclays Bank PLC <ibankingservice@barclays.co.uk>

to me



Dear Valued Customer,

For your security, Barclays Bank has safeguard your account when there is a possibility that someone other than you is attempting to Access your account from an unidentified location. You now need to verify your **Identity**.

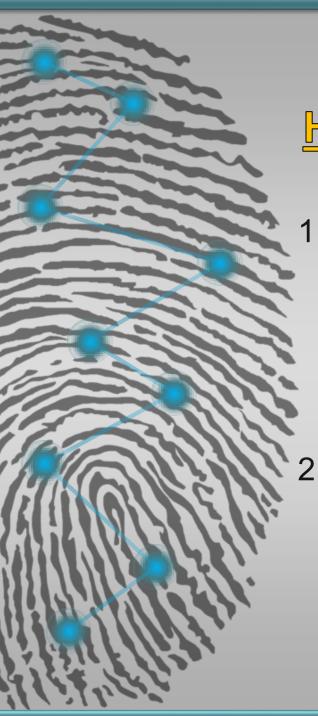
To verify your identity, kindly follow the reference below and instantly re-activate your account.

https://bank.barclays.co.uk/olb/auth/verification/

Thank you for helping us to protect you.

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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHISHING SCAMS?

 Be wary of emails asking for CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, especially when it comes to finances. When in doubt, contact the merchant directly.

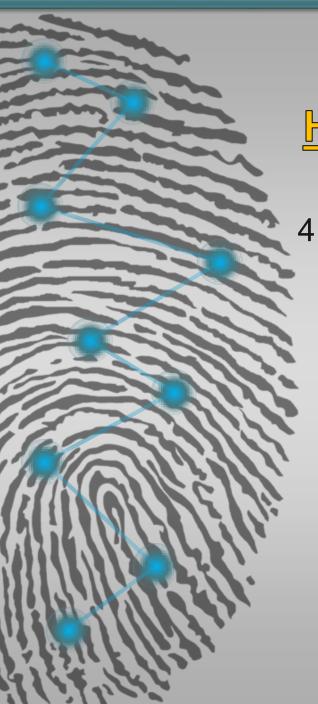
2. Don't get pressured into providing sensitive information. Phishers like to use scare tactics, and often threaten to disable an account or delay services until you update the information they are asking for.



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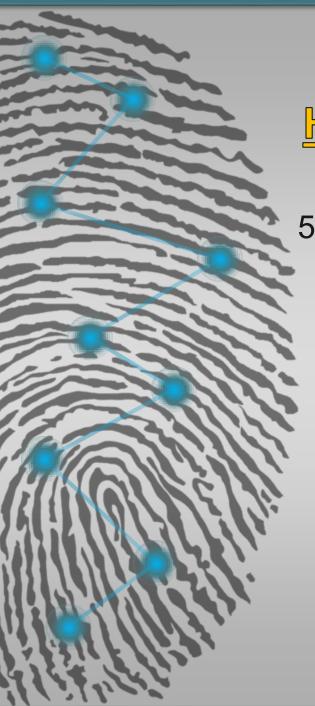
3. Make sure you familiarize yourself with a website's privacy policy. The majority of commercial websites have a privacy policy, usually accessible at the foot of the page. Look at that to see if it is the company's policy on selling their mail list.

**Most of the spam you receive on a daily basis is coming to you because a site you have signed up to has sold your email address to another company.



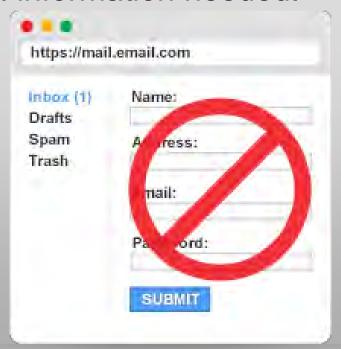
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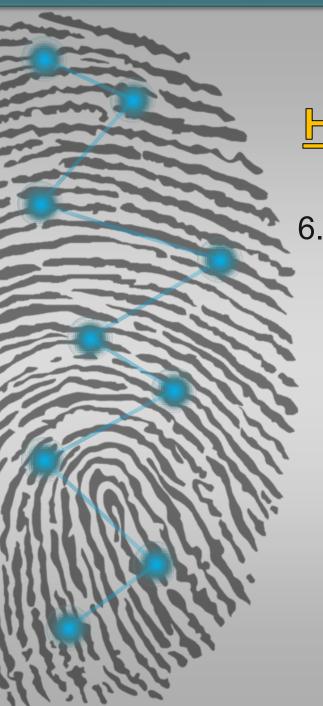
Watch out for generic looking requests for information. Fraudulent emails are often not personalized, while authentic emails from your bank often reference an account you have with them. Many phishing emails begin with "Dear Sir/Maam" and some come from a bank with which you do not have an account. Many of the emails also tend to have grammatical errors in them.



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHISHING SCAMS?

5. Never submit confidential information via FORMS embedded within email messages. Senders are often able to track all information needed.





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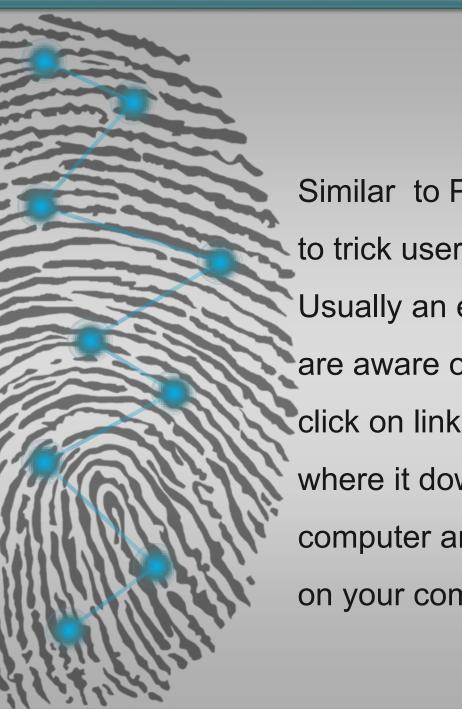
6. Never use links in an email to connect to a website unless you are absolutely sure they are authentic. Instead, open a new browser window and type the URL directly into the address bar. Often a phishing website will look identical to the original (look at the address bar to make sure this is the case).



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHISHING SCAMS?

7. Make sure you maintain effective virus software to combat Phishing.





<u>SPOOFING</u>

Similar to Phishing in that it uses deception to trick user into providing sensitive info. Usually an email header from a company you are aware of (i.e. Target, Macy's). Once you click on link, it takes you to a third party site where it downloads Malware on your computer and a spider looks for sensitive info on your computer.



WHAT IDENTITY THEFT DO WE SEE ON CAMPUS?

- Skimmers (in person or atm/gas station)
- Nigerian Scam (When General Motumboo Bumboo emails you because there's a trunk of money waiting from a dead relative)
- Online selling off electronics to overseas buyers (Overnight a check to you for 3 times amount of item)



SKIMMING / SKIMMERS

Identity thieves steal your credit card or debit card information by using a device that affixes to a card reader on something like an ATM machine or a gas station pump. It blends in with existing equipment well enough that unsuspecting customers never notice it.

Can occur almost anywhere.



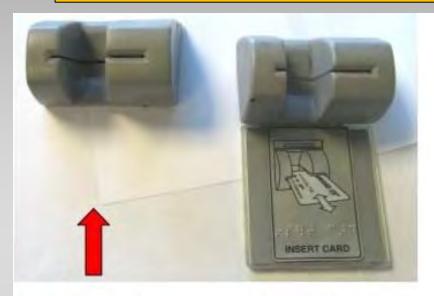
SKIMMING / SKIMMERS

- Restaurant / Retail chain are also big target.
- Waiters hired and given skimming machine.
 - Do you know where your credit card is at all times? Is it always in your site?
 - Many restaurants have gone to table side paying machines (i.e. Chili's)





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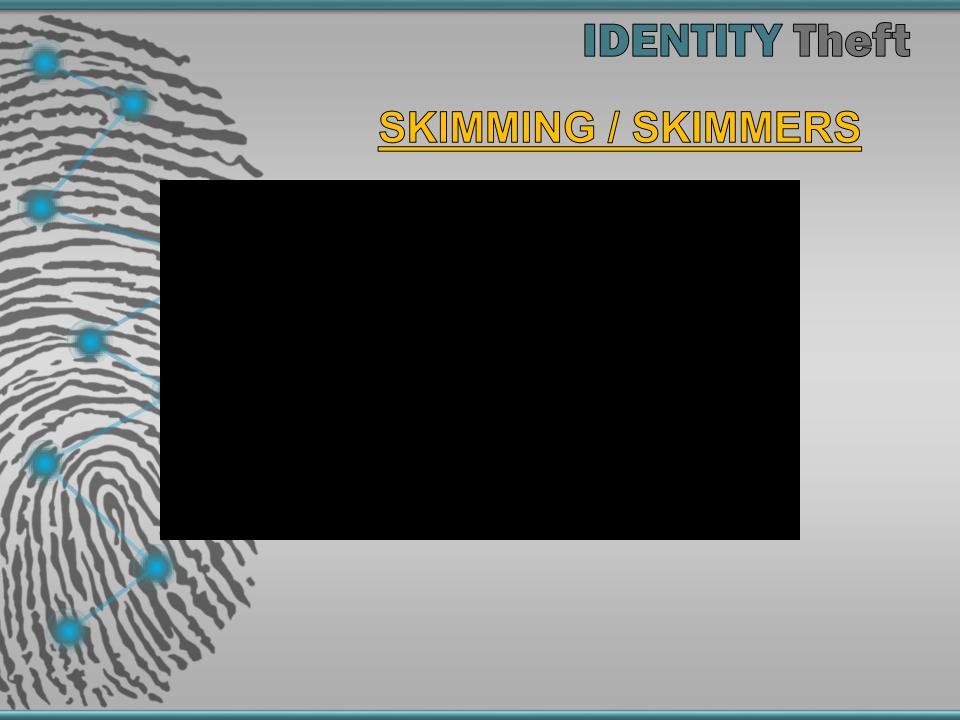


The real card reader slot.

The capture device



The side cut out is not visible when on the ATM.





WAYS TO PREVENT SKIMMING

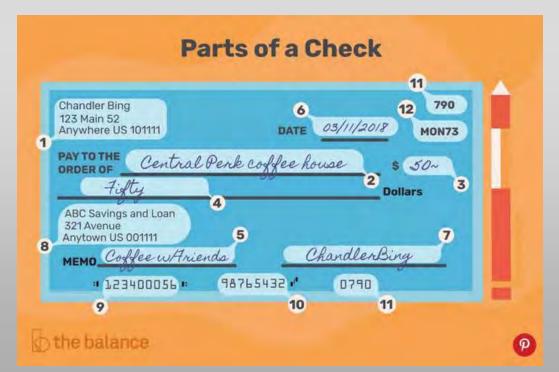
- Look at card reader (give it a tug).
- Some cards can be turned on and off via online app. (i.e. Turn off online purchases, or atm withdrawals).
- Have credit card company set limits to card (i.e. GPS limits to card when outside geographical area, or phone tracking to where purchase is being made).
- Only use cards w/ Chip in it (more secure).



ARE WRITING CHECKS SAFE?

Older adults are often hesitant about paying bills online.

Think safer to write a check.







ARE WRITING CHECKS SAFE?

- Checks give people access to your money.
- They contain valuable info (name, address, bank name, bank account #, routing #).
- Easy to alter / forge
- Someone can add themselves as a joint account holder



FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS

- Senior citizens are most likely to have a "nest egg," to own their home, and/or to have excellent credit—all of which make them attractive to con artists.
- Older Americans are less likely to report a fraud because they don't know who to report it to, are too ashamed at having been scammed, or don't know they have been scammed.





FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS

Victims age 70+ may not report crimes, for example, because they are concerned that relatives may think the victims no longer have the mental capacity to take care of their own financial affairs.



TELEMARKETING FRAUD FOR SENIORS

If you are age 60 or older—and especially if you are an older woman living alone—you may be a special target of people who sell bogus products and services by telephone. Telemarketing scams often involve offers of free prizes, low-cost vitamins and health care products, and inexpensive vacations.

If it's too good to be true, it probably is!



HOW HAS I.T. EMERGED?







WHY IS IDENTITY THEFT ON THE RISE?

- Computers have made record keeping faster. Automation also removes human analysis, making it easier for someone to steal an identity or pose as another person.
- More and more transactions are being handled electronically, a trend that is continuing to increase dramatically.
- More computer hackers now go for monetary returns, not for the thrill of conquering another computer.





- Mobility means that many of us shop in stores all over our communities, regions, or the country, so we are more anonymous than ever.
- Many find it hard to believe I.T. could happen to us, even though millions are victims each year.



WHAT IS BEING DONE





WHAT IS BEING DONE?

- Increased reporting, resulting in more criminals being caught.
- Increased consumer education and awareness of fraud tactics.
- Creditors are using fraud prevention tools effectively.
- Constant security upgrades to web browsers / better filters / spyware

HOW TO PROTECT







KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

- Mistakes on accounts and/or your "Explanation of Medical benefits"
- Regular bills go missing
- Calls from debt collectors for debts that are not yours
- Notice from the I.R.S.
- Calls or mail about accounts in your minor child's/grandchild's name



REDUCE YOUR RISK

Identity protection means treating your personal information with care.

Make it a habit.

- Like buckling your seatbelt or
- Locking the doors at night



- Secure your Social Security number .
- Don't carry your SS card in wallet.
- Only give out number when necessary.







TRUE or FALSE

1 in 4 people have MAJOR errors on their credit report?



TRUE or FALSE

1 in 4 people have MAJOR errors on their credit report?

- TRUE -

A 2013 study by the Federal Trade

Commission found that 25% of

consumers had errors on at least one of

their credit reports



- Under Federal Law, right to free copy of credit report every 12 mo's from all 3 reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax, Transunion)
- To order:
 - www.annualcreditreport.com
 - 1(877) 322-8228 (FACTACT)
- Get Experian Credit Report free every 30 days



- Use free sites like CREDIT KARMA (Get a full credit report from TransUnion once a week)
- Other FREE credit checking sites:
 - Credit Sesame,
 - Credit.com
- 96% of free credit reports go unclaimed each year. Most people check only when they are applying for something



- Only purchase online from TRUSTED companies websites.
- Avoid buying on overseas websites



REDUCE YOUR RISK

Best credit monitoring companies:

- Identity Force (monitor all 3 CC bureaus,
 New credit reports, bank/CC cards, 24/7 help,
 2 factor authentication) (\$19.95 / month)
- 2. LifeLock (\$26.99 / month Ultimate Plus)
- 3. Identity Guard (\$22.99 / month Premier)
- 4. ID Shield
- 5. Experian
- 6. Equifax



REDUCE YOUR RISK

Be alert to online impersonators

- Do you know who is getting your personal information?
- Be alert for bills that don't arrive when you expect them.
- Follow up if you get account statements you don't expect.





- Use anti-virus software, anti-spyware software, and a firewall.
- Create strong passwords.
- Keep your computer's operating system, browser, and security up to date.

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Protect your computer.

- Lock your laptop
- Read privacy policies
- Don't use obvious passwords
 (birthdates, addresses, 12345, etc.)
- Passwords of 8 characters can now be "cracked" in less than 2 ½ hrs (use at least 9 digits/characters)





WHAT DO YOU DO IF SOMEONE HAS STOLEN YOUR IDENTITY?

- Act fast to limit the damage.
- Take steps immediately.



IF YOUR IDENTITY IS STOLEN...

Step 1: Place an initial fraud alert on your credit report.

- Contact any one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies:
 - *Equifax* 1(800) 525-6285
 - Experian 1(888) 397-3742
 - *TransUnion* 1(800) 680-7289





Step 2: Order your credit reports.

- Contact each of the three credit reporting agencies.
- ID theft victims get a copy of their reports for free.
- Read your reports carefully and correct any errors.







Step 3: Create an Identity Theft report.

- Gives you rights that help you to recover more quickly.
- File a complaint with
 - Ftc.gov/complaint or 1-877-438-4338
 - This will become your FTC affidavit
- File a police report.



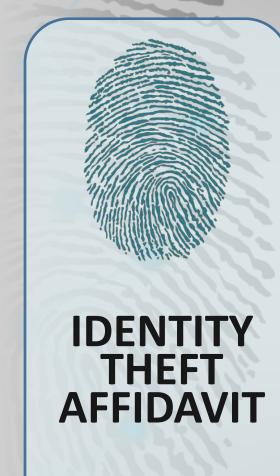




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+ POLICE REPORT



IDENTITY THEFT REPORT



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