

Tips for Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft

Use this as a checklist or guide to keep your identity secure.

Protect Your Credit and Banking Info

- _____ Review credit card statements each month to identify suspicious activity early
- _____ Review your credit report annually or bi-annually
- _____ Freeze your credit when not in use

Secure Your Devices

- _____ Keep computers, phones, and tablets updated so they have the most recent security patches
- _____ Use antivirus software and a firewall on your home computer
- _____ Use a lock screen on all devices
- _____ Download apps from major app stores and always read reviews first
- _____ Don't respond to suspicious emails or text messages

Stay Safe Online

- _____ Use a password manager to create strong passwords
- _____ Enable multi-factor authentication
- _____ Use a VPN
- _____ Avoid public Wi-Fi — use your phone's hotspot instead
- _____ Limit your online presence and use privacy controls on social media