

Protecting Your Identity

What is Identity Theft?

- ▶ **Identity Theft:** when private information is stolen and used without permission
- ▶ **Identity Thieves:** the illegal acquisition and use of a person's private information



How Identity Theft is Accomplished

- Phone Calls
- Phishing
- Public Computers

Ways stolen information is used:

1

Access your bank account

2

Take out a loan in your name

3

Open credit cards or utility accounts in your name

4

Seek medical assistance using your name

5

Hijack your email account to send unsolicited messages

Private Information

Information that could
identify who you are

1. Full name
2. Social Security number
3. Birth date
4. Address
5. Phone number
6. Account passwords
7. Credit card numbers
8. Any private information belong to parents or guardians

Personal Information

Doesn't necessarily identify who you are even though the information is personal to you

1. Favorite sports
2. Favorite music
3. Opinions on movies
4. Advice on a topic
5. Favorite book

When to share Private Information

- ▶ Ask why the information is needed and how it will be used
 - ▶ Required by law to disclose if it is optional for you to share your private data
 - ▶ What the data will be used for
 - ▶ What law requires you to share

Identity Protection Tips



Create strong passwords



Never give anyone your passwords



Do not share private information



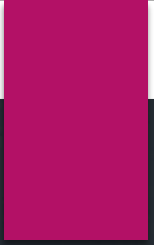
Be careful what information you share on social networks



Monitor your online accounts frequently



Always log out of your private accounts



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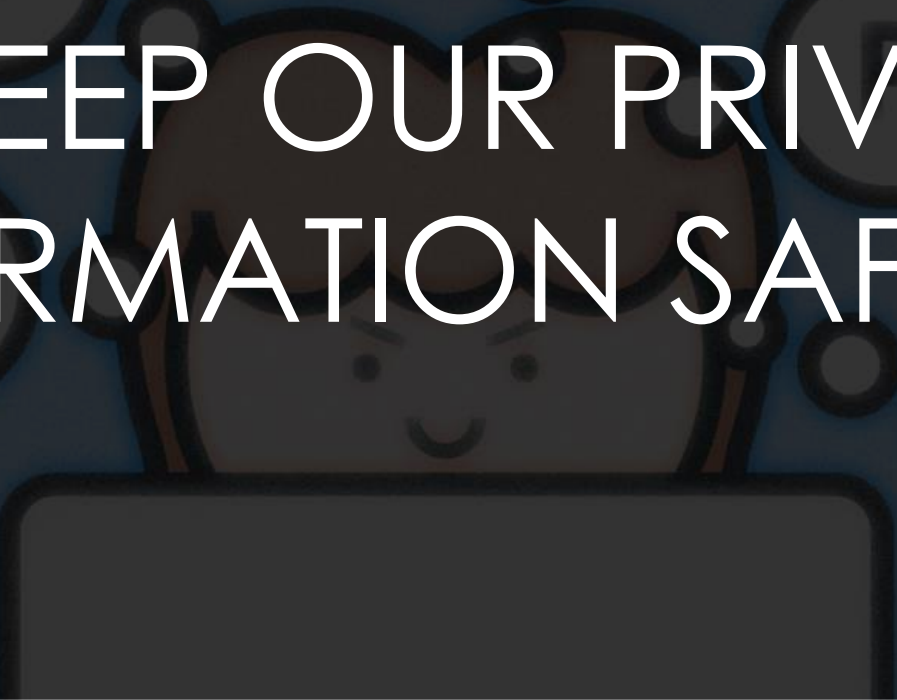
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**PASSWORDS: LIKE LOCKS
THAT KEEP OUR PRIVATE
INFORMATION SAFE.**

Password!

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Strong Passwords

1. No self-identifying facts
2. Avoid using obvious facts about yourself
3. At least eight characters
4. Include numbers, symbols and letters
5. Change your passwords every few months
6. Create passwords that you will remember
7. Don't enter your passwords into your phone
8. Don't type your passwords in a public place

What to do if your Identity is Compromised



Report it



Close it



Watch it