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INTRO

TRUE OR FALSE?

Are the statements below true or false? Circle your answer!

1. Using public wifi is safe.

True or **False**

2. Only adults can get their identities stolen.

True or **False**

3. People can steal your identity if they know your social security number.

True or **False**



LEARN IT

ARTICLE: Avoiding Identity Theft

Identity theft can happen to anyone so it is important you understand how to identify it and how you can prevent it from happening. Read this article to learn more about the common ways identity theft can occur. Then, answer the questions.

Avoiding Identity Theft

What is identity theft? Identity theft is a serious crime. Identity theft happens when someone uses information about you without your permission. They could use your:

- Name and address
- Credit card or bank account numbers
- Social Security number
- Medical insurance account numbers

What can a thief do with my personal information? An identity thief can use your name and information to:

- Buy things with your credit cards
- Get new credit cards
- Open a phone, electricity, or gas account
- Steal your tax refund
- Get medical care
- Pretend to be you if they are arrested

How can a thief steal my identity? A thief can get your personal information in person or online. Here are some ways thieves might steal someone's identity. A thief might:

- Steal your mail or garbage to get your account numbers and personal information
- Trick you into sharing personal information in an email or over the phone
- Steal your account numbers from a business or medical office
- Hack websites or computers that store your personal information
- Steal your wallet or purse to get your information

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1. Your mom recently received a new credit card statement in the mail. She paid the bill online and threw the statement away. How can she become a victim of identity theft?

2. Two weeks later your mom loses her credit card at the grocery store. What can an identity thief do with her credit card information? Circle all that apply.
 - a. Get a new birth certificate
 - b. Buy things
 - c. Get medical care
 - d. Get a new social security number

EDPUZZLE: Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft

It is important to know how to protect yourself from falling victim to identity theft. Once your identity is stolen it can be difficult to fix the damage that is done, so preventing it from happening in the first place is key! Watch the video and answer the questions as they appear.

1. Which THREE financial documents/items should you shred before throwing away?
 - a. An expired credit or debit card
 - b. Your monthly bank statement
 - c. A receipt from a cash transaction
 - d. A credit card bill with your full name and address

2. Before putting personal or financial information online, how do you know if a website is secure?
 - a. All websites are secure so it is always okay to put your personal and financial information online.
 - b. A pop up will appear stating "SECURE WEBSITE".
 - c. The URL will change to **https://**
 - d. A secure website always requires you to login with a username and password.

3. Phishing is the fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and credit card details through an electronic format. What are TWO precautions you can take against phishing scams?
 - a. Never include your first and last name in an email.
 - b. Always check the sender's email address for accuracy.
 - c. Never send personal or financial information via email.
 - d. Use the same email address for 6 months and then delete it and sign up for a

new one.

4. Choose **ALL** of the strategies that will help you protect yourself from identity theft.
 - a. Shred any documents that contain personal or financial information before throwing them away.
 - b. Passcode protect or install safety apps on your cell phone.
 - c. Use the same password for all of your accounts.
 - d. Never conduct banking or online shopping on a public wifi network.



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CREATE: Strong Passwords

Creating a strong password protects you from getting your identity stolen. Did you know cybercriminals can buy your passwords off the dark web? In order to buy your password it needs to be cracked first, so the first step in preventing this from happening is creating a strong one! Practice creating strong passwords using three different strategies by following the directions below!

Method #1: The Sentence Method

Step 1: Write a single sentence that contains at least 5 words.

Step 2: Take the first letter of each word in your sentence to create a new word.

Step 3: Rewrite these same letters, but this time, capitalize any letters that come after **n** in the alphabet.

Step 4: Now rewrite your letters and add a favorite number after the last letter.

Step 5: Rewrite your letters and numbers and add a special character (!@#%) after the numbers.

Method #2: The Random Words Method

Step 1: Write the first name of a cartoon character.

Step 2: Rewrite your cartoon character's name and add a random number after the name.

Step 3: Now rewrite the word and number above and add the last name of a historical figure after the number.

Step 4: Rewrite the words and numbers above and add a phrase you know in another language to the end.

Method #3: The Bruce Schneier Method

Step 1: Write down a sentence that's easy for you to remember.

Step 2: Write down the first two letters of every word in the sentence above.

Step 3: Rewrite the letters and add a special character(!@#%)at the end.

Reflection Question

How can using these password methods help you protect your identity?



EXIT TICKET

1. What is one way your physical information can be stolen? What is one way your online information can be stolen?

2. Which website is the most secure?
 - a. <http://educationisfun.com>
 - b. www.educationisfun.com
 - c. <https://educationisfun.com>
 - d. <https://educotionisfun.com>
3. You and two of your classmates have been assigned to work on a group project. You need to meet outside of school to work on the project. Your classmate, Brian, suggests

meeting up at Starbucks since they have free wifi. However, your other classmate, Amanda, says she has wifi at her house. Which is the safer option? Explain why.