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How to Prevent Identity Number Theft

Identity number theft is becoming very common nowadays. In fact, the incidence of identity number theft has increased annually. You see and hear a lot about it from television, radio and newspapers and magazines. We see and hear about reports of huge amounts of personal information being stolen by identity number thieves. The numbers being stolen include veteran number, social security number and credit card number.

Identity number thefts are one of the most controversial topics in this day and age of computers, emails and the Internet. The scariest thing about identity number theft is that it is a crime that can affect anyone. Indeed, there is a great chance now more than ever that your personal information will be stolen by identity number thieves.

Therefore, the question in everyone's mind is: How can we protect ourselves and our families from identity thieves? The first thing that any individuals wanting to be protected from identity number theft must do is to be informed and educated. Each and everyone of us should be aware of the procedure to protect our personal number from identity number thieves.

Below are some tips on how to protect yourself from identity number theft.

1. One of the best ways you can do to protect yourself from identity number theft is to avoid providing personal information from individuals you talk to, especially to strangers. Giving personal information to people you do not know can have very disastrous consequences for you.
2. If you are in a public place, be very discreet about the financial events happening in your life. These events include big ticket purchases, capital investments, stocks or property acquisition, etc. Talking about financial events in public can lead to unwanted interest on your finances.

Hopefully the information presented so far has been applicable. You might also want to consider the following:

3. Leave your check book or check register in a safe place in your home or office. Never carry your check book or check register with you when you go out. If you must carry a check, then just bring one or two blank checks in your wallet. There have been many reported cases of identity number theft stemming from stolen check books.
4. Have your Social Security Number memorized so you wouldn't have to carry your SS card with you always. Carrying your SS card all of the time increases the risk of it being lost or stolen. If that happens you will be making yourself vulnerable to identity number theft.
5. If you have several credit cards, do not carry all of them with you. Bring only one or two credit cards when you go out. This would minimize the chance of your credit being stolen and of you becoming a victim of identity number theft.
6. Such as social security numbers, credit card numbers, bank account numbers, passwords, etc on your laptops or desktops personal computers. If you must write it down in a document then secure it with a password or delete it before turning off your laptop or personal computer.
7. Avoid charging a high bill on one credit card. This could lead to unwanted attention on your finances. Try to use two cards on expensive purchases.
8. Limit your use of Automated Teller machines (ATM). When you use the ATM be sure that the person behind you does not see the transaction you are making. ATM is another hot place for identity number thieves.

You can't predict when knowing something extra about Identity Theft will come in handy. If you learned anything new about Identity Theft in this article, you should file the article where you can find it again.

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