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Protecting Identity is More Than Protecting Individuality

Do you remember that Hollywood blockbuster several years ago involving a woman that needed to keep running because of a compromised identity with information taken from the Internet? Or more recently, there was yet another Hollywood offering that shows a regular family man's ideal home and family turned into a suspense-filled arena for a bank heist because of sensitive information gathered from the family trash?

Although, as the disclaimer at the end of these films say, these stories are fictitious, there is indeed cause for alarm for things like these happening to you. Identity theft is a growing problem and once you've been victimized, a whole slew of difficulties will arise from this crisis.

Don't panic just yet though. Note that from these movies you will see that these types of identity thefts are done with precision and motive. Meaning, when identity theft to that magnitude happens, it is usually committed by someone who knows your personal habits and may not be a serial identity theft. That means, you need to safe guard against friends or family that may have a drug problem or are in dire financial straits. Suspicious of you to think this way sure but as the cliché goes, it is better to be safe than sorry, and believe me, sorry is the least of your worries if you become the hapless victim of identity theft.

Just think-if your wallet was stolen or you have for one reason or another, been physically separated from items that contain sensitive information like your social security number, credit card information, driver's license number, etc-- it is easy to prevent identity theft because you can cancel all your cards and report them stolen to prevent anyone misusing your personal information for their gain.

Now imagine this-you are hounded by credit collectors for purchases you have not made, or worse-you are wrongfully apprehended for a crime you most certainly did not commit. How did this happen? Your personal information and sensitive numbers were never physically separated from you. Unfortunately, carelessly giving away your social security number or other sensitive information may put you at risk for identity theft.

The information about Identity Theft presented here will do one of two things: either it will reinforce what you know about Identity Theft or it will teach you something new. Both are good outcomes.

A database with all your information may be sold to another entity that may use your data to make purchases in your stead without you knowing. It's easy enough if the criminals who commit identity theft will make purchases on your existing credit cards and such. You can easily check your existing credit cards and see fraudulent purchases.

What about checking the accounts that you don't know about?

Identity thefts may open new accounts for mobile phones, credit cards and even make larger purchases like buying an apartment and you won't know it unless the credit collectors finally trace the bills back to you after the perpetrators run off with the bills.

Therefore, identity theft protection is important, as you have now surmised. Although as in everything in life (another cliché coming), prevention is the best cure. Given this, it is important to find out the best ways to prevent and protect yourself against identity theft. Fortunately, you can get extremely useful information on this online through websites like www.crimedoctor.com

This website is a rich resource for anything and everything about identity theft and how to protect yourself against it. This site has a very useful article on identity theft written for lay people like you and me so that you can guard yourself by learning more.

That's how things stand right now. Keep in mind that any subject can change over time, so be sure you keep up with the latest news.

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