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Identity Theft - How Can you Prevent it Happening to You?

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According to the Federal Trade Commission, some everyday tips to protecting your personal info

- Not giving out your personal information to a stranger over the phone, the Internet,
- Finding out how your personal information will be used and if you have the option to
- Always monitoring the balances on your checking, savings, or other financial account
- Keeping track of your billing cycles. If your credit card statement doesn't arrive a
- Being cautious handling your mail and even your trash. Place outgoing mail in a post
- Storing your Social Security card someplace other than your purse or wallet. Provide
- Carrying only the credit or debit cards you need. Leave other identifying cards at h

In addition to the everyday precautions that can minimize your risk, there are some other acti

- Safeguard the information on your computer by updating your virus protection plan on
- Use passwords for your bank, credit card, and phone accounts. Try to think of a unio
- Find a safe place for your purse or wallet while you're at work. Ask about the polic
- Every year, order a copy of your credit report from the three different credit burea
- Clean up any credit damage as soon as you possibly can. Errors in reporting alone h

When it comes to protecting your good name and your hard-earned money, a little caution goes a

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