NATIONAL CRIME

Identity Theft Tips

FACT: Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S., affecting over 9 million Americans each year.

- Never let a credit/debit card expire
- Avoid "paying at the pump"
- Never input usernames or password on unsecured networks
- Check your credit report often
- Shred any document that has more than your name and address on it
- Use "cash back" instead of going to an ATM
- Never give out personal information over the phone until you have verified the caller
- Never let your credit/debit card leave your sight
- Protect RFID credit/debit cards, driver's licenses & passports with protective sleeves



Home Security Tips

FACT: There is a burglary in the U.S. every 15 seconds

- Place "Alarm System Installed" signs and stickers in your yard and any first floor windows
- Place "Beware of Dog" signs in your yard or on your fence
- When traveling, use automatic light timers inside & outside your home

- At night, keep your keys and cell phone by your bedside
- Don't advertise! Boxes for pricey electronics should never be left on the curb outside your home

Personal Security Tips

FACT: There is a violent crime in the U.S. every 23 seconds.

- Use the buddy system
- Park in well lit areas
- Avoid talking or texting while walking through parking lots/garages
- Have your keys in your hand before you exit any building
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Make eye contact with people
- Never drop your guard

Important Links

- For more info about our program & how to get your FREE credit report, visit www.NationalCrimeStop.org
- To order your Personal Security Device & RFID Sleeves visit <u>www.CEE-Safety.com</u>

U.S. 2010 Crime Clock

- One elderly person is victimized every 2.7 minutes
- One person is assaulted every 7.2 seconds
- One home is burglarized every 9.1 seconds