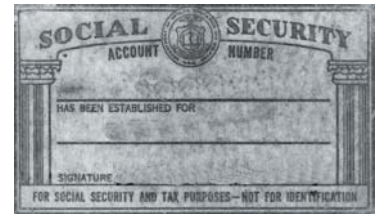


Guarding Your Identity

Identity fraud is one of the fastest-growing financial crimes in America, accounting for losses in the billions of dollars every year. Campus Safety & Security offer these tips for protecting yourself, and advice on what to do if it happens to you:

- Don't have your driver's license number or Social Security number printed on your checks.
- Don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate in your wallet or purse.
- Try not to carry more than one credit card in your wallet.
- Don't carry credit card receipts. Keep them safe or destroy them.
- Don't carry account passwords with your cards or write them on the cards.
- Shred all credit card offers mailed to you.
- Never give your credit card number or bank account information to anyone calling you.
- Ask to have your checks mailed to your bank, not to your home.
- Lock your mailbox. Don't leave outgoing mail in your mailbox; drop it off at a post office or Postal Service mail collection box instead.
- When paying with your credit card, encourage clerks to check your identification.
- Review monthly bills carefully for unexplained charges.
- Shred all documents with account numbers before disposing of them.
- Order only from secure, reputable Internet sites.
- Order your credit report from the three major credit bureaus and make sure the information is correct. See numbers below.
- Make photocopies of the items in your wallet (both sides). Keep this photocopy in a safe place.



If someone has stolen your identity

- Call your local police department and file a report. Get a copy of the report in case the bank, credit card company or others need it later.
- Notify all three credit reporting bureaus. Tell them to put a fraud alert on your file. And ask that no credit be granted without your approval. Call Equifax at 1-800-685-1111, Experian at 1-888-397-3742, or Trans Union at 1-800-888-4213.
- Change your account numbers for banking, credit cards and utilities. Put passwords on all new accounts.

CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY MISSION

In an effort to keep the campus community informed, the Office of Campus Safety & Security conducts programs at new student orientation and throughout the course of the academic year. Campus Safety & Security also conducts an on-going campaign of crime awareness on its web site, the student newspaper, University e-mail announcements, and bulletins.

