



Protect Your Information

DID YOU KNOW....

- Mobile devices can be hacked. Protecting your information is a critical priority. Here are some suggestions to help.
- Mobile devices should be set to auto-lock after a period of inactivity, and should require a password to be unlocked.
- Be careful not to enter any sensitive data (banking or investment account information or passwords/usernames) when you are connecting in public Wi-Fi networks.
- Turn off Bluetooth connectivity when it is not in use. If not configured properly, Bluetooth connections can be exploited to gain access to data.
- Enable remote wipe/locate functionality for mobile devices that support it. These services can help recover or wipe data in case it is lost or stolen.
- Lastly the most obvious, be cautious when receiving/viewing unsolicited texts/emails.
- We recommend you consider using a service to help you protect your identity. AARP recommends Norton's Lifelock, Consumer's Advocate recommends Identity Guard, Norton's Lifelock, or ReliaShield.
- If you don't want to pay for a service like the previous listed, barebones protection is: regularly checking your bank accounts for suspicious activity and checking your credit.
- You can request credit reports from three agencies, Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian. (You get 2 free reports a year with each).
- Or you can use a free service such as Credit Karma which is a notification service if they see any activity on your credit reports.
- Another option is freezing your credit through the client agencies so no one can apply for a loan using your identity.

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