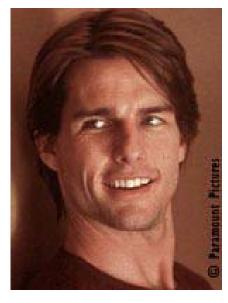
WHAT DO MANY OF US HAVE IN COMMON WITH

- Tiger Woods
- Oprah Winfrey
- Martha Stewart
- Warren Buffet
- Tom Cruise









IDENTITY THEFT: protecting ourselves and our clients

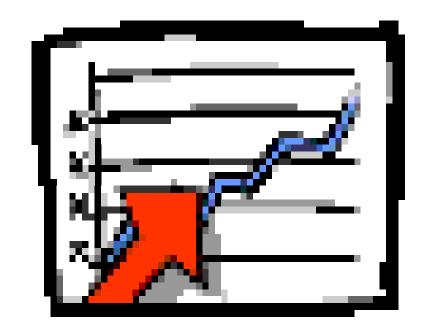
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IDENTITY THEFT NOT A NEW PROBLEM

- Just the <u>Fastest</u><u>growing</u>
- Calendar year
 2002 - 7
 million victims

Calendar year
 2004 - - 9.3
 million victims





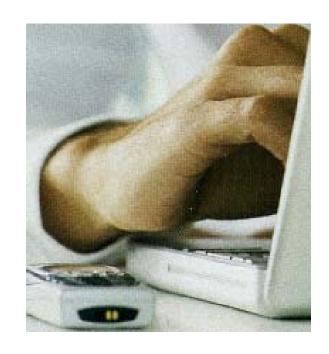
If somebody breaks into your house you can change the locks. But if someone takes your identity, what do you do? There is no simple fix or repair





FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

1 out of every 8 Americans will be a victim of identity theft

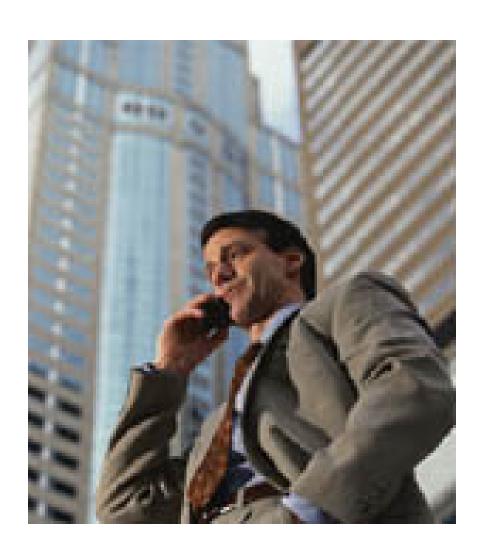


CALENDAR YEAR 2004

9.3 million victims\$54 billion economic loss

WHAT IS IDENTITY THEFT?

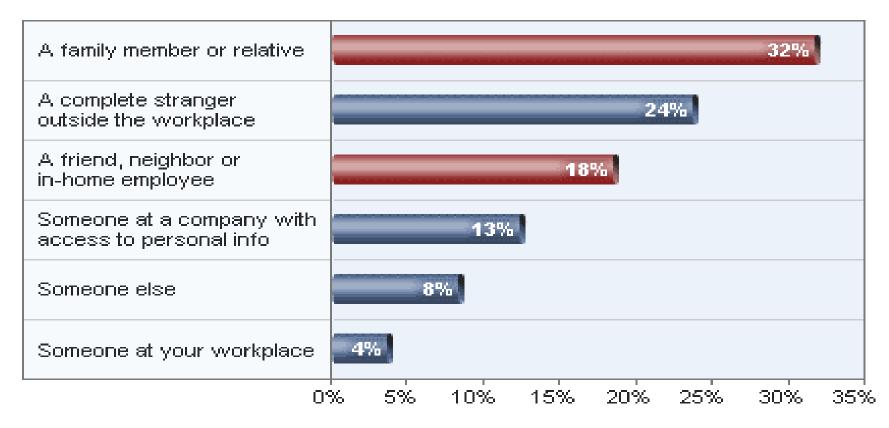
- Use of personal information of another
- Without permission
- To obtain something
- Can be anything not limited to money, credit, goods, services



WHO IS THE THIEF?

The identity thief you know

Identity-theft victims who learn the thief's identity most often say their personal information was stolen by someone they know well — a relative, friend, neighbor or in-home worker.



Source: Javelin Strategy & Research, 2004

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MY FRIEND THE THIEF

50% of identity thieves are repeat offenders

 5% is the average arrest rate (2002)

HOW WAS THE DISCOVERY MADE BY THE VICTIM?

85% Learned from an adverse situation -

- Denied credit or employment
- Notification by police or collection agency
- Receipt of credits cards never requested
- Receipt of merchandise never ordered
- Receipt of credit card statement with charges for merchandise not ordered

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

• 16 to 29 year olds – 28%

30 to 40 year olds – 28%

• 40 to 50 year olds – 22%

Over 50 years old – 22%

HOW THE IMPERSONATOR USES YOUR IDENTITY

- Credit card fraud –42%
- Telecommunicationsor Utility Services –20%
- Bank fraud -13%
- Employment 9%



- Fraudulent loans 7%
- Government benefits –6%
- Other 3% (evading legal action, obtain medical services, trade securities, declaring bankruptcy)

VICTIMS UNAWARE FOR MANY MONTHS

- Today discovered within 2 months –
 45%
- Unaware of theft for over 5 years –
 5%
- On average, 12 months elapsed between the date the identity theft occurred and when the victim discovered it.

\$ AMOUNT OF LOSS

- Existing credit card mean loss is \$5,803 per victim
- Thief opens new account mean loss is \$12,646
- Existing check and savings account mean loss is \$9,912.

COST OF IDENTITY THEFT



- Cost to business community \$12 B
 PLUS
- Investigative cost \$17,000. per case
 PLUS
- Prosecution cost \$11,500. per case
 PLUS
- Victims now spend an average 600 hours trying to recover. 3 years ago it was 175 hours.

PREVENTION

There are several steps we can take to help us from becoming a victim of identity theft.

Thirteen

Simple Steps

1. YOUR WALLET: a wealth of information

- Carry only the cards you actually need.
 Do you really need to carry your
- Social Security
 Card?
- >ATM Card?
- Credit Cards?
- >Checks?



2. MAKE IT UNIQUE

- Choose a Personal Identification Number that is different from:
 - Your phone number
 - Digits in your SS#
 - > Address
 - Birth Date
 - Any information that is easily accessible



3. CHANGE PASSWORDS FREQUENTLY

- Change passwords frequently!
 - Don't use your pet's name or spouse's name
 - Don't use any part of your birth date, address, or social security number
 - Don't use words found in the dictionary

Do use a combination of letters and numbers

- Ex: HOuse4saLe
- Don't opt to "Save Password" for automatic login to websites

4. KEEP IT IN MIND

➤ Memorize your Personal
Identification Number (PIN)
AND passwords



- Do not write PIN on your card
- Do not keep PINS or PASSWORDS in your wallet

5. WATCH YOUR BACK

Be aware of people who are eavesdropping or watching you enter your PIN



6. SHRED THE EVIDENCE

Reasonably Priced

Crosscut vs. Straight



7. OPT OUT

Preapproved credit card offers are easy targets

>1-888-5OPT OUT

8. YEARLY CREDIT REPORTS

- > ONE ANNUAL CREDIT REPORT FREE
- > Annual Credit Report Request
- On line <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>
- By telephone 877-322-8228
- By mail Annual Credit Report Request
- P.O. Box 105283
- Atlanta, Georgia 30348-5283

9. COLLECT YOUR MAIL

 Do not leave mail in your mailbox overnight or on the weekends

 Thieves can change your billing address and take control of your account(s)

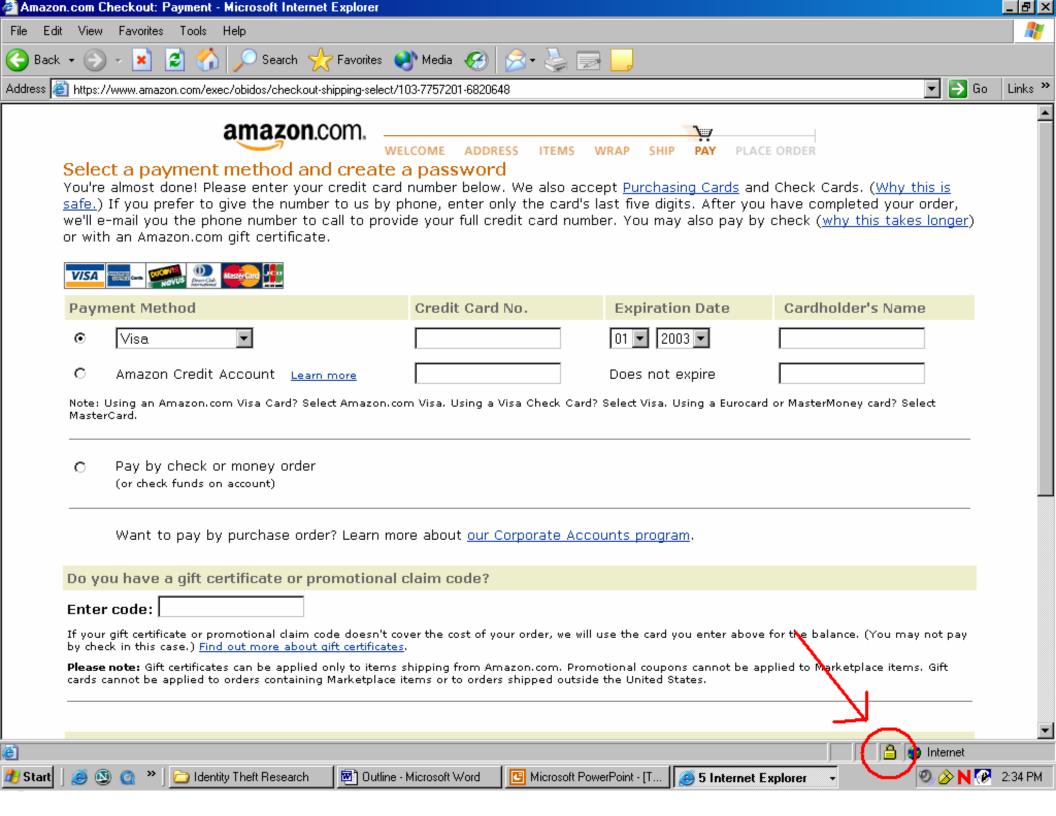
10. DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR SSN

- Do not give out SSN, credit card numbers or bank account numbers unless
 - You know who you are dealing with and it is,
 - For a good reason AND
 - Is required.
- Many institutions now issue ID numbers rather than use the SSN

11. LOOK FOR THE LOCK

- Don't provide unnecessary information!
 - Keep a low profile online to reduce your risk
 - Opt not to be included in directories

- Look for the padlock!
 - Ensure a secure connection with the server



12. KEEP SOFTWARE UPDATED

- Update computer software
 - -Get all the latest security patches

Get virus protection

Install a firewall

13. DISCARDING YOUR COMPUTER

- Disk Shredders
 - Wipe your hard drive clean before you throw away, give away, or sell
 - -BCWipe <u>www.jetico.com</u>
 - meets Department of Defense computer security standards
 - -WipeDrive <u>www.whitecanyon.com</u>

IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM...



- 1. Contact the 3 Major reporting agencies:
- 2. Contact the creditors or banks for any accounts that may have been tampered with or opened fraudulently

3. If you know where the theft took place file a report with the local police in that community



VICTIM CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILURE TO PROMPTLY TAKE ACTION





FAILURE TO PROMPTLY REPORT

- ATM CARDS, DEBIT CARDS,&
 ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS
 - Electronic Fund Transfer Act
 - Report within 2 days loss limit = \$50.
 - Report between 2 and 60 days loss limit =\$500.
 - Report after 60 days no limit

FILE COMPLAINT WITH FTC & APPROPRIATE AGENCY

- FTC's identity theft hotline
 - -Toll-free 1-877-438-4338
- BANKS
 - FDIC State chartered banks
 - -toll free 1-800-934-3342
 - -Federal Reserve System -
 - -1-202-452-3693
 - -CREDIT UNIONS -
 - -1-703-518-6360

FILING THE COMPLAINT CONTINUED

- DRIVER'S LICENSE state DMV
- MAIL THEFT U.S. Postal Inspection Service @
 - www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER THEFT AND MISUSE -1-800-269-0271
- IRS TAX FRAUD 1-800-829-0433

NOT JUST INDIVIDUALS BUT BUSINESSES ARE AT SUBSTANTIAL RISK



 Businesses lose billions of dollars every year from computer crime and credit card fraud that are linked to identity theft.

WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO TO AVOID PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH IDENTITY THEFT

1. SCREEN EMPLOYEES

- Develop a process to screen employees who have access to personal information, even if they are part-time.
- -Screen the cleaning service and temporary firms that are used.

2. SECURITY MEASURES

 Consider placing photos on your business cards, employee identification cards and badges.

 Adopt secure methods for disposing of personal information, such as using shredders.

3. IS THE INFORMATION COLLECTED NEEDED?

- Rethink type of information really needed from customers and employees. Less might be better.
- Keep current paper applications/customer forms secure and dispose of old applications properly (shredding).

4. LIMIT ACCESS

- Limit access to authorized
 INDIVIDUALS (logins/passwords, content rights)
- Have computer system administrators encrypt all data stores and check system for security holes regularly.

Additional Resources

- Federal Trade Commission
 - www.consumer.gov/idtheft
- Identity Theft Center
 - www.identitytheft.org
- Privacy Rights Clearinghouse
 - www.privacyrights.org
- PA DO-NOT-CALL LIST
 - **1-888-777-3406**

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT

Annual Credit Report Request

On line – www.annualcreditreport.com

By telephone – 877-322-8228

By mail – Annual Credit Report Request

P.O. Box 105283

Atlanta, Georgia 30348-5283

NOTE – reports are free. If requested to pay you are not at the official location.

Banks and Checks

Determining if someone has opened a bank account in your name, contact Chex Systems, Inc.

On line – www.chexhelp.com

By telephone – 800-428-9623

By FAX - 602-659-2197

By mail - Chex Systems Inc

Attn: Consumer Relations 7805 Hudson Road, Suite 100 Woodbury, MN 55125

Action for lost or stolen checks –

- 1. Stop check and or close account
- 2. Ask bank to notify Chex Systems, Inc. This service notifies business not to accept checks on the flagged account.
- 3. Notify TeleCheck this service notifies retailers who use their databases not to accept your checks. Number is 800-710-9898 or 800-927-0188.
- 4. Contact SCAN to determine if checks have been passed. The number is 800-262-7771.

Bankruptcy

Determining if someone has filed for bankruptcy in your name – contact U.S. Trustee where you think bankruptcy may have been filed. A list of U.S. Trustees can be found at www.usdoj.gov/ust.

File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission

On line – www.ftc.gov

By telephone – 877-438-4338

By mail – Identity Theft Clearing House

Federal Trade Commission

60 Pennsylvania Avenue

Washington, D.C. 20580

File a fraud alert with the three major credit reporting agencies. Call one of the numbers listed below. The company you call is required to notify the other two.

Equifax – 800-525-6285 or www.equifax.com. Experian – 888-397-3742 or www.experian.com. Transunion – 800-680-7289 or www.transunion.com.

National Do Not Call Registry – 888-382-1222 PA DO-NOT-CALL LIST - 888-777-3406

Postal Fraud

Report to local postmaster

Opt out of receiving offers of credit in the mail – 888-567-8688

Social Security number misuse

On line – <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/org</u> By telephone – 800-269-0271

Social Security verification of reported earnings

On line – <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/org</u> By telephone – 800-722-1213