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# Preventing Identity Theft

## *Quick Tips for Protecting Yourself*

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### **A. Use a Password Manager**

- Update passwords on compromised accounts
- Generate strong, complex passwords automatically
- Store passwords securely so you don't have to remember them

#### **Recommended Options:**

Apple Passwords • Bitwarden • LastPass • Google Password Manager • NordPass • 1Password

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### **B. Secure Your Devices & Wi-Fi**

- Keep software and apps updated
- Avoid public computers for sensitive tasks
- Protect home Wi-Fi with strong passwords and encryption
- Consider paid security tools that include antivirus, VPN, and ID-theft protection

#### **Examples:**

LifeLock • Aura • Watchdog • McAfee • IDX • IDShield

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### **C. Protect Personal Information**

- Don't carry your Social Security card
  - Use strong, unique passwords
  - Shred documents containing sensitive information
  - Avoid leaving outgoing mail in unsecured mailboxes
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### **D. Stay Alert for Scams**

- Ignore unsolicited calls, texts, or emails
- Independently verify any caller requesting personal information
- Follow local law enforcement on social media for scam alerts and updates

### **E. Monitor Credit & Accounts**

- Check your credit reports three times per year
  - Review bank and credit card statements regularly
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