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**Protect Your Information**

**At Home**

* Pull your credit report at least once annually
* Secure important documents
* Shred statements, checks, address labels (use a cross-cut shredder)
* Mail bills from the Post Office or use online bill pay
* Monitor your accounts, even accounts you don’t use regularly
* Be wary of callers asking for personal information
* Opt out of pre approved credit offer by visiting: ***optoutprescreen.com***
* Get rid of unwanted catalogs by visiting: ***catalogchoice.org***
* Stop direct marketing offers by setting your preferences at: ***dmachoice.org***

**In Public**

* Be aware of your surroundings
* Safeguard wallets, purses, checkbooks and accounts
* Examine ATM and register devices before use
* Cover pad when entering your PIN# at machines
* Never carry passwords or PINs with cards
* Don’t carry your social security number around
* Be wary of public Wi-Fi
* Password protect mobile devices
* Update your operating system when upgrades are available

**Online**

* Install antivirus software and update it frequently
* Password protect devices
* Don’t open attachments or links unless you are sure of the content
* Be select in the sites you visit
* Look for **https** and a **closed lock symbol** when entering personal information
* Be sure your home Wi-Fi device is password protected with a strong password
* Do an in depth security scan if your computer is running slow or you notice something unusual

**On Social Media Sites**

* Check and re-check privacy settings, especially after an update to the site
* Review “friends and follower” regularly – watch out for “fake friends” who infiltrate sites to blend with a group
* Beware of bogus links on your feed
* Don’t check in at locations, you are only telling people where to find you and no one is at your home
* **Disable geotagging, especially on your kids mobile devices! New devices have geotagging set to “on” as a default, to disable look up the instructions for your particular device.**