Top Ten (11) Identity Theft Preventions

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1. **Remember your check-up**:

 To spot unauthorized charges, review your credit report annually. Don’t overlook the inquiries sections.

1. **Practice your autograph**:

 Not signing your debit and credit cards is like walking around with a blank check. Sign new cards immediately.

1. **Lighten your wallet**:

 If your wallet or purse is bursting with plastic, cut it down to only those you use.

1. **Destroy the evidence**:

 Why tempt fate by carelessly discarding personal documents? Shred all receipts and statements after you’re through with them.

1. **Hold the mail**:

 Have the post office hold all mail if you won’t be there to receive it.

1. **Just say no**:

 A pre-approved credit letter can be an identify thief’s spending spree invitation. Consider removing yourself from the marketing lists by calling 888-5OPT OUT.

1. **Double check the check**:

 You’ve finished and paid for your meal-now remember to get your card and receipt.

1. **Read the paper**:

 Your credit and checking account statement, that is. Examine it thoroughly to make sure all credit and debit activity is correct.

1. **Become mysterious**:

 Never put your SSN or drivers license number on your checks. Disclose personal data to no one, especially over the phone, unless they have a legitimate reason for needing it.

1. **Trust nobody**:

 Thieves can obtain an alarming amount of personal information just by listening to your casual conversation. Watch for eaves droppers and ATM lurkers.

1. **The most important**: As per the Utah State Attorney General -- **Educate Yourself**

 Be aware of what can happen. Educating yourself of the possibilities can prevent “I did not know” mistakes.

 Yes I have discussed this paper about ID Theft Prevention with my student.

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