

How Good Are You At Protecting Your Identity?

		ALWAYS (2pts)	SOMETIMES (1pt)	NEVER (0 pts)
1	Cover or block the Point of Service/ ATM keypad when entering PIN			
2	Carry only the identification, checks, credit cards or debit cards that are essential			
3	Use direct deposit for paychecks, tax refunds, benefits payments, etc.			
4	Shred documents with PII information before disposing of or recycling			
5	Use complex passwords with a mix of numbers, symbols and letters instead of easily guessed words or dates (like birthdays)			
6	Review financial statements and monthly bills and reach out to vendors/senders to correct errors			
7	Review credit report annually and contact credit agency to correct errors when identified			
8	Use secure mailboxes for incoming/outgoing mail instead of open boxes on streets			
9	Avoid providing/sharing personal information like Social Security Number whenever possible			
10	Review Medicare Summary Notices, Explanations of Benefits statements and medical bills for suspicious charges			
TOTALS				

Grand Total _____

Scores:

- 0-6: You are not taking many actions to minimize your risk of identity theft.
- 7-13: You have developed some good practices to avoid identity theft, but there is room for improvement.
- 14-20: You are doing a great job at minimizing your risk of identity theft.