

Identity Theft Quiz

Are you at risk for ID Theft?	Yes	No
Let's find out!		
I carry my Social Security card or ID with my Social Security number with me.		
I wear an ID badge with my Social Security number on it.		
My Social Security number is used for identity purposes by my employer, my school, insurance provider, medical office, health club, or professional organization.		
My driver's license has my Social Security number on it, including my birth date.		
My Social Security number is printed on my checks, or professional license.		
I carry my child or spouse's Social Security numbers so I can remember them.		
I have provided my Social Security number to someone without asking how it will be stored and why it is needed.		
I receive several credit card offers in the mail each week & just toss the trash.		
I throw out expired credit or debit cards without cutting or shredding the card.		
I am listed in a professional membership directory such as "Who's Who".		
I work where there are no background checks of employees.		
I send and receive personal mail in an unlocked mailbox or drop.		
I do not use a shredder to dispose of outdated banking or credit information.		
I do not bother to reconcile my checking and credit accounts monthly.		
I keep important account numbers, personal ID numbers, passwords, etc. near my phone or on my computer in an unsecured location.		
I live in a high-risk state. (Arizona, California, Florida, New York, Texas, or Washington, DC)		
I leave my wallet or my purse in my vehicle.		
My home has been burglarized.		
I have donated a computer, Personal Date Assistant (PDA), or cell phone without destroying the memory chip.		
I don't bother with a virus program on my computer.		
I share my username and/or passwords with other people.		
Sometimes I forget to log out of an online session when I leave a Web site.		
I have never ordered my free credit report. (annualcreditreport.com)		
Totals (Give yourself 10 points for each yes answer)		

How did you do?

100 points or more: You may be at high risk for Identity Theft.

Over 8 million people were victims of ID theft in 2005. Purchase a (cross-cut) paper shredder, pay closer attention to how you handle or dispose of important documents, user identification, passwords, and credit cards. Get your free Annual Credit Reports at annualcreditreport.com.

50 to 100 points: Many people fall in this range

You should be fine if you have good credit, reconcile statements monthly, and check your credit reports annually.

Get your free Annual Credit Reports at annualcreditreport.com.

0-50 points: Wow! You have done better than most.

Stay vigilant and remember to check your credit reports annually. Remember completely remove memory before donating used electronic equipment. Get your free Annual Credit Reports at annualcreditreport.com.

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