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The world can be a dangerous place. Even in the serene environment of a campus community we fail to recognize this fact, we become more vulnerable to any number of criminal threats, all just looking for the next unsuspecting victim. Thankfully, there are a number of personal security tips that you can use to make your life more secure. Gathered from a number of sources the following information can help



Review a Copy of Your Credit Report

¾ AnnualCreditReport.com is the official site to get your free annual credit reports. This right is guaranteed by Federal law.



Consider Single Use Credit Card Numbers When Shopping On-line

- ¾ When you shop on-line or over the telephone it is necessary to provide a credit card number to complete your purchase. But what happens to your credit card data after the transaction is complete? Does the merchant keep your credit card information on file? Will you be charged for a re-occurring transaction when you only authorized an on-time charge?
- ¾ To help protect you against identity theft and loss of your credit card data, many major banks such as [Bank America](#), [Citibank](#), and [Discover](#) allow you to generate single use credit card numbers for a specific merchant or transaction.
- ¾ The single use credit card number works just like the number, expiration date, and security code printed on your credit card, and of course these charges appear on your monthly bills as usual. However, single use credit card numbers are limited to a single merchant, a single transaction, or for a limited period of time sent to you. Once the transaction is complete or the expiration date assigned to the single use credit card number is reached, that number is canceled and cannot be used if stolen or later accessed by an unscrupulous merchant.

Change Your Passwords

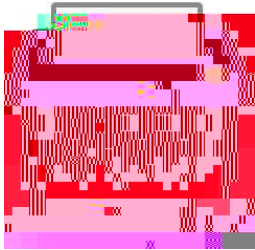
- ¾ Change the passwords for all of your on-line accounts. For best security passwords should be complex and changed frequently. Too often we use the same password for extended periods of time and use single password across multiple accounts. This creates a vulnerability, which is increased if the passwords being used are weak. You can check the strength of your passwords using the Microsoft Password Checker, -line at: <https://www.microsoft.com/security/pc-security/password-checker.aspx>

Use a Digital Certificate to Encrypt Your Personal E-mail

- ¾ Most people recognize that e-mail is not a secure means of communication, and we are frequently warned about the dangers of sending personal or financial information via e-mail.
- ¾ However e-mail is quick and convenient, and too often this convenience outweighs the need for security. Information that should be encrypted is often sent as plaintext because encryption is just too hard, or too inconvenient, or too time consuming. Fortunately there is a simple and convenient method of encrypting e-mail between people with whom we regularly communicate - that method is a personal digital certificate.
- ¾ This article explains what a digital certificate is, and how you can install a digital certificate to encrypt and sign your personal e-mail - <http://goo.gl/NAuE9q>

Add Security Software to Your Home Computer

Get a Paper Shredder for Your Home



To help protect yourself against identity theft, stalking, and similar crimes it is important that you never place documents containing your personal, private, or financial information in the trash. A paper (document) shredder is the best way of destroying sensitive documents before disposing of them in your trash or recycle bin. Paper shredders for home use range in price from around \$50 to over \$250. For home use a cross-cut shredder costing less than \$100 will more than meet your needs.

If you cannot afford to purchase a personal shredder for your home; check with your local sheriff, police department, crime stoppers organization, or bank for information about upcoming community shred events. Many times these organizations will hire industrial mobile shredders to allow community members to destroy personally sensitive documents for free. A free digital document shredder for your computer can be downloaded here:

<http://www.freerascal.com>

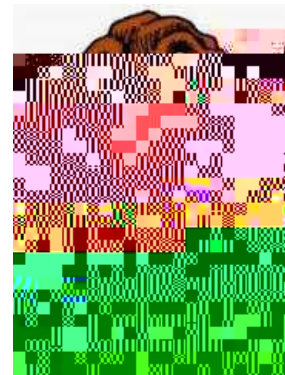
Remember This Important Acronym!



Learn About Active Shooters and Workplace Violence

¾ Active shooters and workplace violence are very real concerns in many areas. The following on-line courses and videos can help make you more aware of this threat and actions you can take if you ever find yourself in this type of situation.

- 1) IS-907- Active Shooter: What You Can Do (On-Line Course)
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is907.sp>
- 2) IS-106.12- Workplace Violence Awareness Training (On-Line Course)
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is106.12.sp>
- 3) IS-906- Workplace Security Awareness (On-Line Course)
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS906.sp>
- 4) Active Shooter Awareness Video (Run, Hide, Fight)
YouTube Video (6 minutes) <http://youtu.be/5vSweJU2D0>
- 5) Active Shooter Training Video for the Workplace, Schools and Home
YouTube Video (26 Minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Xua5GarNdc>



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