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Crime Prevention Corner Protecting Your Identity

Your identity is one of the most valuable things you have. Being able to prove who you are and protecting your identity is crucial to modern day living. Here are 11 simple identity security tips:

- Secure your personal documents at home, and when travelling. If you need to, destroy them.
- Secure your mailbox with a lock and when you move, redirect your mail.
- Be cautious using social media and limit the amount of personal information you publish online.
- Secure your computer and mobile phone with security software and strong passwords.
- Avoid using public computers for sensitive activities, e.g. banking.
- Learn how to avoid common scams at <u>www.scamwatch.gov.au</u>
- Be cautious about requests for personal information over the internet, phone and in person in case it's a scam.
- Investigate the arrival of new credit cards you didn't ask for or bills for goods that aren't yours.
- Be alert for any unusual bank transactions or missing mail.
- If you are a victim of identity crime, report it to police and alert any relevant organisations. Contact www.iDcare.org
- Order a free copy of your credit score from a credit reporting agency on a regular basis.

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