



ACTIVITY #1 ANSWERS

Tips for Preventing Identity Theft

Following are five tips for preventing identity theft. Use the blank spaces to list five more practical ideas students can take to keep from becoming a victim of this crime.

1. Avoid downloading “free” stuff on Internet unless your parents have determined it is secure and safe.
2. Never give out your passwords to your friends or other relatives without your parent’s permission.
3. Do not share your Social Security Number with anyone without your parent’s permission.
4. Avoid using unsecure Wi-Fi connections at coffee shops, playgrounds, or other locations.
5. Shred all documents showing your name, address, and other personal information before throwing them away.

Other potential answers:

Never give out your bank account number.

Never give out your credit card number.

Do not share personal information in emails, chat rooms or social media sites.

Avoid online surveys or contests.

Use strong passwords and pins, not personal information that is easy to guess.

Look for the https or lock sign to ensure web sites are secure before posting information.

Never leave your purse, billfold, book bag or other personal property unattended in a public place.

Guard your cell phone because many of them contain information that is even more sensitive than what is in your purse or billfold.