Identity Theft

How can I prevent it?
- Report lost or stolen credit cards immediately
- Cancel all inactive credit card accounts
- Notify your financial institution if you have not received new or replacement credit cards in a timely manner
- Closely monitor the expiration dates on your credit cards
- Check monthly bills for unauthorized charges

Protecting your personal information
- Request electronic versions of bills, statements and checks. Sign up for direct deposit
- Limit the amount of personal information you carry in your wallet or purse
- Never disclose your Social Security number, credit card number or any bank account details over the phone
- Memorize your passwords and PINs; change them frequently
- Do not write PIN numbers or passwords down on paper or store them in your wallet/purse
- Delete all personal information from the hard drive of your computer before throwing it out
- Take receipts from ATMs, bank counters or unattended gasoline pumps with you
- Be aware of your surroundings when entering your PIN at an ATM

Protect Yourself

Risk: Your wallet is lost or stolen.
Solution: File a police report immediately and call your credit card companies to report the loss.

Risk: Trash containing personal information is stolen.
Solution: Shred your documents before throwing them out.

Risk: Your mail is stolen.
Solution: Never leave mail that contains your personal information for pick-up in a non-secure box.

Risk: Friends, family, relatives, or employees with access to privileged information commit identity fraud.
Solution: Carefully select with whom you share personal information.

Risk: Your personal data is stolen online.
Solution: Only share personal information over the internet through secure channels.

Online Resources
VC Police Department
http://www.vernoncollege.edu/campus-police-homepage

Vernon Police Department

Wichita Falls Police Department
http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/17/police

Who to Call for Help
Vernon College (940) 552-6291
VC Dean of Student Services
Vernon ext. 2250 / WF ext. 3333

VC Student Services
Vernon ext. 2278 / WF ext. 3206

VC Police Dept.
Vernon ext. 2272 / WF ext. 3207

Vernon Police Dept.
(940) 553-3311

Wichita Falls Police Dept.
(940) 720-5000