

# Identity Theft



## 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.*

### 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

## Online Resources

VC Police Department

<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/campus-police-homepage>

Vernon Police Department

<http://www.vernontx.gov/index.aspx?nid=137>

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

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