



## How to Protect Yourself Against Cyber Thieves

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

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#### MONITOR CREDIT REPORTS REGULARLY

- Check your credit reports annually for any suspicious activity
- Utilize free credit report services to stay informed

#### SET UP FRAUD ALERTS

- Place fraud alerts with credit bureaus to receive notifications of unusual activities
- Set up Property Fraud alerts if offered by your county recorder's office
- Consider a credit freeze for added protection

#### USE STRONG AND UNIQUE PASSWORDS

- Create complex passwords for online accounts
- Avoid using same password across multiple platforms

#### ENABLE TWO FACTOR AUTHORIZATION (2FA)

- Enable 2FA for online accounts whenever possible to add an extra layer of security beyond passwords

#### BE CAUTIOUS WITH PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Avoid sharing sensitive information over phone or email
- Verify legitimacy of requests for personal details

#### SECURE YOUR DEVICES

- Regularly update and patch software on your devices
- Use reputable security software and keep it up-to-date

#### SHRED SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS

- Shred documents containing personal information before disposal

#### MONITOR BANK AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS

- Review statements for any unauthorized transactions
- Report discrepancies to your financial institution

#### EDUCATE YOURSELF ON COMMON SCAMS

- Stay informed about prevalent scams and phishing techniques
- Be skeptical of unsolicited emails or messages asking for personal information

#### LIMIT INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Avoid sharing excessive personal details on social media
- Adjust privacy settings to control who can see your information

#### SECURE WI-FI NETWORKS

- Use strong, unique passwords for wi-fi networks
- Enable WPA3 encryption for enhanced security

#### REGULARLY UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

- Keep contact information updated with financial institutions
- Ensure they can reach you promptly in case of suspicious activity