Evolving Identity Theft Tactics & Protections

VA Privacy in Action Speaker Series Event - Resource Guide

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Privacy Service, thank you for participating in "Evolving Identity Theft Tactics & Protections," a VA Privacy in Action Speaker Series. We hope you found the information presented by our speakers insightful and meaningful. Below are links to additional information to ensure you stay one step ahead of cybercriminals.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

VA Identity Theft Website: https://www.va.gov/IDENTITYTHEFT

Operation Protect Veterans offers tips to identify donation scams: <u>https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/95848/operation-protect-</u> veterans-offers-tips-to-identify-donation-scams

Consumer fraud alert: Tips for avoiding VA home loan scams: <u>https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92256/consumer-fraud-alert-tips-for-avoiding-va-home-loan-scams/</u>

Protect your benefits by reporting scams and fraud: <u>https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/90676/protect-benefits-</u> <u>reporting-scams-fraud/</u>

Veterans could be targets of pension poaching scams: https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/89079/veterans-targetspension-poaching-scams/

New Year, Same Scams: Tips and tricks from AARP to fight fraud in 2021: <u>https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/83191/</u>new-year-same-scams-tips-tricks-aarp-fight-fraud-2021/

Contact VA Privacy Service with Questions about Identity Theft & Protections: <u>VAPrivacyCommunications@va.gov</u>

United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

Identity Theft: <u>https://www.uspis.gov/tips-prevention/identity-theft</u>

Operation Protect Veterans: https://www.uspis.gov/veterans

Operation Protect Veterans Brochure: https://www.uspis.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ Operation-Protect-Veterans-Brochure_508.pdf

Military Records Scam PSA (Video): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLN001qoza0 Mail & Package Theft: <u>https://www.uspis.gov/tips-prevention/mail-theft</u>

Personal Identifying Information Theft: <u>https://www.uspis.gov/news/scam-article/personal-identifying-information-theft</u>

USPIS: www.uspis.gov

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

If You Suspect Identity Theft: www.identitytheft.gov

FTC's Identity Theft Awareness Week website: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/identity-theftawareness-week

FTC's Identity Theft Website in Spanish: <u>https://www.robodeidentidad.gov/</u>

What To Know About Identity Theft: <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-identity-theft</u>

What To Know About Tax Identity Theft: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-knowabout-tax-identity-theft

What To Know About Medical Identity Theft: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-knowabout-medical-identity-theft

What To Know About Credit Freezes and Fraud Alerts: <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-credit-freezes-and-fraud-alerts</u>

Do You Need a New Social Security Number?: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0248-do-youneed-new-social-security-number

IdentityTheft.gov Helps You Report and Recover from Identity Theft (Video): <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/</u> <u>media/video-0123-identitytheftgov-helps-you-report-</u> <u>and-recover-identity-theft</u>



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5 Ways to Help Protect Your Identity (Video): https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/media/video-0023-5ways-help-protect-your-identity

What To Do if You Were Scammed: <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-</u> <u>were-scammed</u>

FMI: <u>www.ftc.gov/scams/imposter</u>

FTC Home Page: <u>www.ftc.gov</u>

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit

Department of Homeland Security Home Page: <u>www.dhs.gov</u>

Check Your Credit:

https://annualcreditreport.com

Or call: 1-877-322-8228

For More Information Contact VA Privacy Service

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