

Privacy Tips to Employ in Your Everyday Life!

Beware of email phishing: If you are ever unsure of the authenticity of an internet link provided in an email, place your cursor over the link for a few seconds and see what url comes up, if it looks suspicious don't click on it and delete the email!

Watch your home mailbox: If you are waiting for official documentation to come in the mail (driver's licence, passport etc.) and it hasn't arrived during the time that you have been advised it should, contact the originating office and check on its status to confirm and rule out mail theft.

Think before you app: Information about you, such as the games you like to play, your contacts list, where you shop and your location, has value – just like money. Be thoughtful about who gets that information and how it's collected through apps.

Get savvy about WiFi hotspots: Public wireless networks and hotspots are not secure, which means that anyone could potentially see what you are doing on your mobile device while you are connected. Limit what you do on public WiFi and avoid logging in to key accounts like email and financial services on these networks.

Be aware of what's being shared: Be aware that when you post a picture or video online, you may also be sharing information about others or personal details about yourself like where you live, where you like to go including where you are vacationing and the fact that your house is currently unattended.....

Protect your privacy while dining!: Most restaurants complete transactions at your table once you have finished a meal, however some still require you to provide your credit card and then they take your card and bring back the receipt for your signature. NEVER let this happen, always escort the server with your card for the transaction. It's easy for a server to take a photo of the front and back of your card while it's in their possession and you are not watching. If this happens they have your credit card number, expiry date, security code on the back of the card, and your signature – one stop shopping!!

At your front door: Consider using a locking external mailbox or a mail slot into your home. Identity thieves enjoy cruising accessible external mailboxes to access key documents that are great for assuming your identity!