



PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS – DO'S AND DON'TS

Protecting Your Personal Information

DO'S

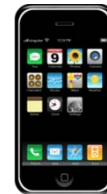
- Keep a summary of your credit card information, PIN's and telephone numbers to call if your cards are lost or stolen.
- Be wary of callers who say you are entitled to money or a prize, especially if the caller wants you to provide them with your personal information BEFORE you can get any money or prize. **HANG UP!**
- Use the **DO NOT CALL REGISTRY** – 1-888-382-1222 or get an unlisted telephone number.
- Copy all the contents in your wallet, both sides. Store copies in a safe place.
- Place only the last four numbers of your account number on the memo line of a check when paying a bill.
- Verify any call in which you are told a loved has been injured or needs money fast! This may be a scam.
- If your credit card is stolen: File a police report; Call the Social Security Administration Fraud Line and one of the three Nation credit Reporting Organizations.

SSA Fraud Line – 1-800-269-0271

Equifax – 1-800-525-6285

Experian – 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union – 1-800-680-7289



Remember Don't Give It; Guard It

DONT'S

- Don't give out personal information such as credit card numbers, social security numbers, cell phone numbers, PIN's, credit card security numbers.
- Don't provide any personal information over the phone if you did not initiate the phone call. If a company calls you, they should already know such information about you.
- Don't open emails from unfamiliar addresses.
- Don't fall for something that sounds too good to be true; it probably is.
- Don't carry credit cards that you don't use frequently. Store them in a safe place.
- Don't carry your social security card. Store it in a safe place.
- Don't sign the back of your credit cards – Write in "Photo ID Required" or "Ask for I.D.".



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