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Protecting your identity online

Identity theft is when someone uses your personal information – such as your name, Social Security number, or credit card number – without your permission.

No matter where you live or how old you are, you may someday be a victim of identity theft. Learning about the risks of identity theft can help you protect yourself against these crimes.

Instructions

1 Review each statement below and decide whether it's true or false.

2 Answer the reflection questions.

Knowing how to be safe online

Statement	True or false?
1. It's okay to give out personal information if someone sends you an email saying that you have an account with them and they seem to know some things about you.	☐ True ☐ False
2. It's safe to open any attachments or download any files as long as you do it from within the safety of your email account.	☐ True ☐ False
3. Clicking on links in messages is only dangerous if you give your personal information out.	☐ True ☐ False
4. The federal government requires sites and services meant for anyone 13 years old or younger to notify parents directly and get their approval before they collect, use, or disclose a child's personal information.	☐ True ☐ False

Statement	True or false?
5. It's safest to stay permanently signed in to accounts.	☐ True ☐ False
6. The "s" in https in a web address stands for secure.	☐ True ☐ False
7. Avoid connecting to wi-fi networks that don't require a password to login.	☐ True ☐ False
8. It's important to have virus protection on your computer and update it frequently.	☐ True ☐ False
9. It's best to use the same password for many of your accounts because it's too difficult to remember multiple passwords.	☐ True ☐ False
10. Sharing your passwords with someone who is not a family member provides an extra layer of protection for your account.	☐ True ☐ False

Reflection questions

1. Why should I protect my identity when I'm online?

2. What is something I should start doing to protect myself from identity theft when I'm online?