

## PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

Davenport Police Department

- Protect your social security number.
- Do not carry your Social Security card with you.
- Report lost or stolen checks/credit cards immediately.
- Notify your financial institution of suspicious phone inquiries.
- Closely guard your ATM/Debit cards.
- Shred any financial solicitations and financial statements.
- Place outgoing mail into a secure, official Postal Service box.
- Do not give out financial information.
- If regular bills fail to reach you, call the company and find out why.
- If your bill contains questionable items, do not ignore them.
- Secure your Computer. Make sure you have updated virus protection. Don't open files from unknown sources. Don't click on hyperlinks that "pop up."
- Beware of Shoulder Surfing – people looking over your shoulder at an ATM or when entering password or personally identifiable information.
- Shop Online merchants that you know and trust.
- To obtain a free credit report:  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call (877) 322-8228.

**For emergencies, dial 9-1-1**

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