

Special Workshop For Premeds at Xavier University of Louisiana  
**ID Theft and How to Prevent It** (Updated 9/1/09)

This sheet is to be completed by freshmen at Xavier early in the fall term. It and the accompanying information downloaded from the internet is intended to make students more aware of identify theft, steps they can take to prevent it, and what to do if they are a victim of it.

**Why you should care about ID theft (See AVOID sheet)**

1. What is one major reason why you, a student interested in entering medical (or similar) school, should be interested in making sure you are not a victim of ID theft.
2. What is the age group most likely to be targeted for ID theft?

**How ID Theft Occurs (See AVOID sheet)**

3. List 5 common ways that thieves steal your personal information.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_

**How to deter ID theft (See AVOID sheet)**

4. List 6 things that you can do to safeguard your information.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

(over)

**This form is due by Tuesday, 9/15/2009**

**How to detect ID theft (See AVOID sheet)**

5. List 4 signs that might indicate that someone has stolen your personal information.

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

6. List 2 things that you should do on an ongoing basis to make prevent/detect ID theft.

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

**What to do if you are a victim of ID theft (See AVOID sheet)**

7. List 4 things that you should do immediately if you suspect you are a victim of ID Theft

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

**What should you do...? (See ID Theft 911 sheet)**

8. If someone in a uniform you don't know asks you to verify your social security number?

9. If you receive an unsolicited credit card application?

10. With any paper with your personal info (social security number, date of birth, etc.) on it?

**Other (See ID Theft 911 sheet)**

11. How can you tell if information you give to online merchants is secure?

12. How can you opt-out of pre-approved credit card offers and junk mail?

(over)

**This form is due by Tuesday, 9/15/2009**