

Special Workshop For Premeds at Xavier University of Louisiana
ID Theft and How to Prevent It (Updated 7/5/2011)

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 become victims of it.

1. What are TWO (2) major reasons 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?
 - a)
 - b)
2. According to the attached document from identitytheft911.org, what is the age group most likely to be targeted for ID theft?

Refer to the attached AVOID pamphlet to answer questions #3-8.

3. List 5 common ways that thieves steal your personal information.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
 - e) _____
4. List 6 things that you can do to safeguard your information.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
 - e) _____
 - f) _____
5. In reference to passwords, why does the PM Office encourage students to IMMEDIATELY change default passwords for XULA email, Bannerweb, and other password protected interfaces?

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

(OVER)

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

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

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

- a) _____
- b) _____

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

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

9. To prevent identity theft on-campus, your “900” number is used to identify you as opposed to your Social Security number. Further, it is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED that you think twice when someone asks for your social security number, as it can be used to steal your identity and compromise your credit. According to the attached document from creditcards.com, give examples of when you **must** comply with requests for your Social Security number.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

Refer to the attached Identity Theft 911 article to answer questions #10-13.

10. What should you do if someone asks you to verify personal information (e.g. Social Security number, bank account, etc.) over the phone or via email?

11. When performing online transactions, how can you tell that your browser recognizes the site address as being authentic or secure?

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