Ms. Dobbs C&E Unit 11 PFL: Identity Theft Notes

**Identity Theft:**

* A type of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = someone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Identity theft – when someone uses another person’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to steal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + They pretend to be that person
  + Can purchase/do things without the financial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Can cause many problems for the victim:
  + Reputation, credit score, bankruptcy, sometimes leads to crime

**How It’s Done:**

* Various methods to get your information:
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ diving – go through your trash
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - steal credit/debit card numbers using special machine
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - pretend to be a legitimate organization/company asking for your info
  + Changing your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - change your address to theirs so they receive your mail/bills/info
  + Stealing
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - contact companies/institutions you use & pretend to be you to gain information
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - hack/break into computer systems

**How to Protect Yourself:**

* Use different and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on your online accounts
* Store important/personal info in a secure place
* Only use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ websites
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ documents that contain personal/important info
* Never give personal info unless you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and know for sure who you are dealing with
* Do not open suspicious sounding emails from unknown addresses; they are most likely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Do not leave outgoing mail in your own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* NEVER carry your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on you; keep it in a safe and hidden place
* Do not give out your social security number or use it as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or ID number
* Be wary of promotions that sound \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; they are usually a scam
* Use common sense and always keep track of your personal belongings!