

# How to Avoid Identity Theft - What You Should Do Checklist

## Identity Theft

Consider signing up for an identity theft monitoring service for yourself and other members of your family, including children.

Don't use the same password for multiple accounts. Make each password unique.

Use a password manager to securely store your passwords.

Monitor your kids, to know what they're doing online. You can use apps for monitoring, and/or look at your router logs, or configure your router to block sites.

Educate your kids about online safety. The earlier, the better.

Be careful about who you grant access to your info, especially during high-risk times such as holidays and tax season.

Be aware of scams that request personal info.

Don't send sensitive info by email or text.

Don't post photos that reveal your location.

Don't reveal that you're traveling by posting about it.

If you suspect or know that your identity has been stolen, follow the steps outlined by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), including filing an identity theft report with [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov).

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