

Ten tips for preventing identity and data theft

Macomb's cybersecurity faculty offer the following tips for safeguarding sensitive information, derived from information published by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

1. Create strong passwords for each device or account
2. Use two-factor authentication when available
3. Use security questions for which only you know the answer
4. Create unique accounts for each user for each device
5. Only use internet connections that you trust
6. Install antivirus software and a firewall – update regularly
7. Keep all of your personal electronic device software current
8. Be suspicious of unexpected emails that could be “phishing” for personal information
9. Password-protect your wireless access router
10. Control physical access to your computer