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Specific Responses to Identity Theft

Prevention

- I. Raising businesses'/employers awareness of their responsibility to protect your employee records:
 1. Demand your employer limit data disclosure;
 - Restrict access to your personal information to only those with a LEGITIMATE need to know.

- II. A little self-education on identity theft goes a long way:
 1. Federal Trade Commission website is a good tool to review;
 - <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

- III. Demand your local banks and credit card issuers improve security practices:
 1. Demand better identity verification
 - Put photographs on credit cards
 - Request additional identification
 - Passwords
 - Reduce the number of preapproved credit applications

- IV. Use your common sense when giving out personal information:
 1. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is!!!!
 2. Buy a shredder and/or destroy all personal information
 3. Limit the information you give out on the phone and Internet
 4. Use passwords on your computer for sensitive information

