

CONDUCTING A FRAUD CHECK-UP

Be Aware.
Assess your risk of financial fraud.

We all know the importance of maintaining one's health. For most of us, that means having an annual check-up. The same can be said for maintaining your financial health. For that, you need to assess your risk of financial fraud by performing a fraud check-up.

IF YOU USE DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS

- Never use obvious "PIN's" (such as 1234 or 0000), your birthdate or address.
- Use caution entering your PIN number.
- Check your statement when it arrives and be sure to investigate if it's late.
- Shred hard copy credit card information.

IF YOU USE A COMPUTER

- Never use weak or obvious passwords such as 123456 or the word "password".
- Change your wifi router password from the factory setting.
- Avoid using public wifi networks to conduct financial transactions.
- Ensure that you use a robust firewall with the latest "definitions" for the anti-virus software and keep it updated.
- Never open emails from sources you don't know or trust. Delete them instead.

Once you've assessed your risk of fraud, it's time to correct your mistakes and conduct a purse/wallet tune-up.

CONDUCT PURSE/WALLET TUNE-UP

1. Take out any items that you don't need and/or regularly use including:
 - any debit or credit card that you haven't used in the last three months;
 - your Social Insurance card (Note: only an employer can demand to see it); and
 - birth "certificate".
2. Photocopy the remaining cards/pieces of ID front and back and store it in a safe place in the event that they are lost and stolen.
3. Never write down PIN numbers then carry them in your wallet. Store these where it's safe.

MINIMIZING THE CHANCE FOR LOSS

A thief only needs a second to steal your purse. Never leave your purse or wallet visible and unattended in your vehicle, a shopping cart, restaurant, a movie theatre or in your workplace. Place it out of sight or maintain direct control.

**Financial Security STARTS with You!
Let us know how we can help.**

For further info on this topic and other crime prevention topics, check out the crime prevention section of the Toronto Police website or scan the QR code below:



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