

## How do I know if someone has stolen my information?

- You see withdrawals from your bank account you can't explain
- Medical providers bill you for services that you didn't use
- Debt collectors call you about debts that aren't yours
- Your credit reports show unfamiliar accounts or activity
- You are notified that your information has been compromised in a data breach at a company where you have an account

## So, how can I protect myself?

- Keep your computer updated with the latest antivirus software
- Maintain your computer hardware in a secure location
- Do not click on links in an email until you have verified the sender's legitimacy
- Defend your computer with security software
- Check scam alerts from the company you are providing information to
- "Opt out" of sharing your information whenever possible
- Keep an eye on the security configuration settings of your computer
- Select strong passwords and keep them in a safe place
- Backup your data regularly and verify the integrity of those backups regularly
- Verify the legitimacy of an online retailer before you make a purchase. You can do so by:
  - Searching their name in a search engine + "reviews"
  - Looking them up on social media
  - Checking their contact information and address