

PRIVACY TIPS FROM The office of consumer affairs and Business regulation

- Check & freeze your credit and your minor's credit
- Children 18 and younger are 52 times more likely to have their social security numbers stolen and abused than adults.
 A fraudster knows that mom or dad would never think to run a credit check or freeze their child's credit because a minor should not have credit
- Change your passwords every 4 months
- Never give out personal information over the phone unless you have initiated the call
- Monitor all financial accounts, look for any small unauthorized charges, report them if you do find any

- Never click on a link in an unsolicited email or text
- Report a financial crime to the FBI: www.IC3.gov or 857-386-2000
- If your passport has been stolen or involved in a data breach: report it by completing the online form provided by the U.S. Department of State
 Passport Services Office. 877-487-2778
- If your social security card has been stolen, contact the Social Security Administration: Fraud hotline: 800-269-0271
- Only post information on social media that you want the entire world to know

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