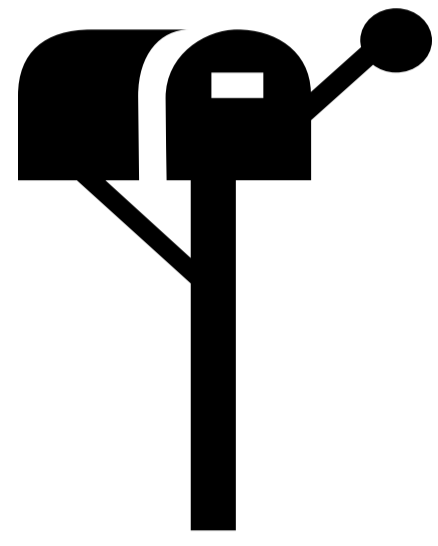




Seniors and Identity Theft Do's & Don'ts!



Minimize Your Mail - Opt Out of Pre Screened Offers

Pre approved credit cards, insurance and the like are a potential threat from Identity Thieves. You can Opt Out and we recommend that you do!

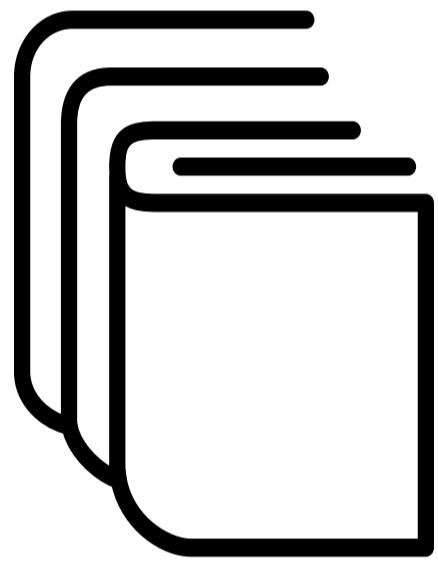
Visit this website : <https://www.optoutprescreen.com>



Reduce Contact from Telemarketers

In addition to being annoying, calls from telemarketers (or outright scammers) can put seniors' personal information at risk. Never volunteer information such as Social Security numbers or bank account details over the phone. If someone calls claiming to be from a bank or credit card company and asks for account information, hang up and do some research to verify the call is legitimate. Avoid telemarketing calls by registering for the National Do Not Call list at 1-888-382-1222

Visit this website : <https://www.donotcall.gov>



Take Care With Important Documents!

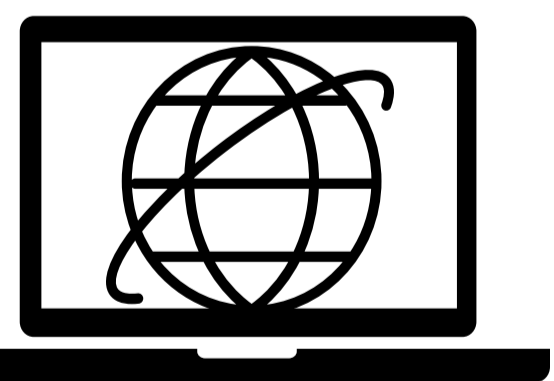
Don't carry them around with you! Make copies and keep the originals in a safe and secure place.



Shred Information Once You've Read It!

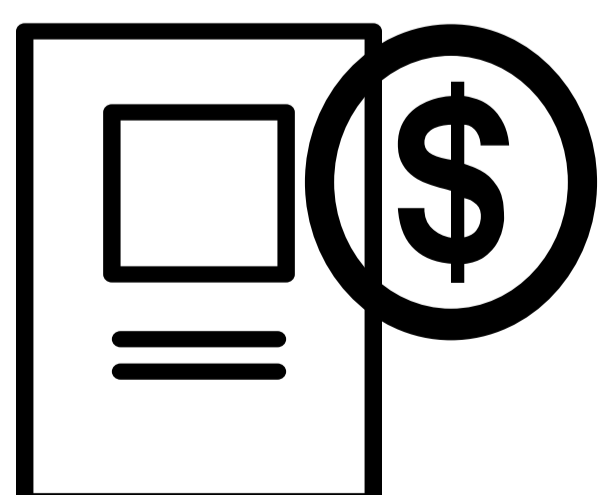
Don't leave bank statements, tax returns or any document that has your personal information on it laying around. Make a copy and file it on your computer or keep it in a safe secure place. Shred anything that you don't need or has become outdated.

Learn more here : <https://www.usa.gov/family-legal>



Be Extra Careful When Online!

Take extra care when shopping or banking online. Ensure the computer has active and up-to-date virus protection installed. Also learn to spot "Phishing" emails that attempt to solicit personal information. A bank, credit union, credit card company or any other legitimate financial institution will never ask you to share personal information, account numbers or a Social Security number via email. Use strong passwords and enable Two Factor Authentication wherever possible.



Monitor Your Credit Report and your Financial Accounts Regularly!

Remember to check your credit report regularly! You can get a free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus once a year. So effectively you can get one every 4 months, just use a different bureau each time. Check bank statements, credit card statements, and credit reports for unauthorized transactions. If you spot something that doesn't look right, call us!

Learn more here : <https://www.annualcreditreport.com>