Identity Theft

Protecting your identity!

What is identity theft?
- the illegal use of another person’s means of identification
- the act of impersonating someone by using their:
  - name
  - date of birth
  - Social Security number
  - address
  - bank account information

How can I prevent it?
- report lost or stolen credit cards immediately
- cancel all inactive credit card accounts
- notify your financial institution if you have not received new or replacement credit cards in a timely manner
- closely monitor the expiration dates on your credit cards
- check monthly bills for unauthorized charges

Protecting your personal information
- request electronic versions of bills, statements and checks, and sign-up for direct deposit
- limit the amount of personal information you carry in your wallet or purse
- never disclose your Social Security number, credit card number or any bank account details over the phone
- memorize your passwords and PIN numbers and change them frequently
- do not write PIN numbers or passwords down on paper or store them in your wallet or purse
- delete all personal information from the hard drive of your computer before throwing it out
- take receipts from ATMs, bank counters or unattended gasoline pumps with you
- be aware of your surroundings when entering your PIN at an ATM

Online Resources

UTEP Police Department
www.utep.edu/police

Texas Department of Public Safety
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/idtheft/idtheft2.htm

Identity Theft Resources Center
www.idtheftcenter.org

El Paso Police Department
www.eppd.org

Experian
www.experian.com

Equifax
www.equifax.com

Who to Call for Help

UTEP Police Department
747-5611

UTEP Office of Student Life
747-5648

UTEP Women’s Resource Center
747-5291

University Counseling Center
747-5302

El Paso Police Department
911 (for emergencies)
832-4400 (for non-emergency assistance)

El Paso County Sheriff’s Department
546-2280