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TOP RISKS

to Your Child's Identity at School

Parents have a long back-to-school checklist, from buying basic school supplies to signing up for after-school programs. Now, thanks to identity thieves, they have one more thing to worry about: protecting their children against identity theft.

The Identity Theft Resource Center reports a 300 percent increase in child identity theft calls at its call center. Children make easy targets because their credit histories aren't likely to be monitored, and it could be years before fraud is detected.

Safeguard your child's personal information by staying vigilant and following these tips.

1 in 40

households with children under 18 experience child identity theft

27%

of child identity theft victims know the perpetrator

50%

of households with child identity theft victims have incomes under \$35,000

WHERE THIEVES LOOK

1. Nurse's Office
2. Front Office
3. Library
4. Sports Programs
5. Counselor's Office
6. School Databases
7. Educational software and apps

WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR

- Social Security numbers (SSNs)
- Immunization records
- Parent information
- Financial information
- School email addresses

TIPS

1. **Keep SSNs and birth certificates in a secure location.** Share sparingly.
2. **Ask before sharing your child's personal information.** Before providing sensitive data to a school, ask why it's needed, how it will be secured and if there's another way to identify your child.



Protecting Identities. Enhancing Reputations.

Sources: Press Release, Identity Theft Resource Center, 2014, www.idtheftcenter.org/Identity-Theft/itrc-call-center-statistics-child-identity-theft-november-2014.html; 2012 Child Identity Fraud Report, Javelin Strategy & Research.

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