



# Risks to College Student Identification Security

*DON'T GO TO COLLEGE WITHOUT US...*

# College Students = Highest Risk for ID Theft

College and university students are on their way to financial independence.

Yet, one thing often gets in the way: ID Theft



- 31% of ID theft victims are under 30. *That's 73,000 complaints of ID theft in 2009!*

Source: 2010 report by the FTC

***“Millennials don't protect enough or detect enough.”***

***“The 18-to-24 group is unique. They're going to college. They're away from home for the first time. They're sharing more information. More of their information is exposed.”***

***“People ages 18 to 24 are at the greatest risk because it takes them longer to figure out that they have been defrauded.”***

--James Van Dyke, president of Javelin Strategy & Research

# Repercussions of Identification Theft



- Median hours to resolve varied from **2-10 hours** depending on type of fraud.
- Some consumers reported spending **more than 100 hours** trying to resolve their identity theft issues.
- 10% of victims **lose \$1200** or more.

Source: FTC 2006 Report

- In 2009, there were an estimated **11.1 million** identity fraud victims of all ages, a 12% increase from the year before, according to the survey.
- Thieves stole about **\$54 billion**, according to the study, which surveyed 5,000 people nationwide, 703 of whom had been victims of identity theft.

Source: Javelin Strategy & Research

# “Millennials Don’t Detect or Protect Enough”

Only **21%** of students are concerned about identity theft.

**40%** of students have provided their Social Security numbers online.

Only **50%** of students shred sensitive data.

**9%** of students share online passwords with friends.



(source: [Uni-Ball survey](#))

# What Should You Do?

Clearly, identity security is a major problem among college students. However, there are actions you can take to mitigate these risks:



- 1 Follow the Better Business Bureau tips to avoid Identity Theft in [this article](#).
- 2 Get more information by reading [this document](#) from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners on **College Students and Identity Theft**.
- 3 **Become a College Parents of America member!**  
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# You have questions, we have answers!

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