Identity Theft Protection

Javelin has recommendations for what it calls "prevention, detection and resolution" of identity fraud:

- Keep sensitive information from prying eyes. Request electronic statements, use direct deposit, don't put checks in unlocked mailboxes. Don't give out your Social Security number and secure all personal and financial records in locked storage devices or behind a password. Shred all sensitive documents.
- Prevent high-tech criminal access. Install antivirus software on your computer and keep it updated. Never respond to requests for personal or account information online or over the phone. Watch out for convincing imitations of banks, card companies, charities and government agencies. Don't divulge birth date, mother's maiden name, pet's name or other identifying and personal information on social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. Be creative with passwords and don't access secure Web sites using public Wi-Fi.
- Keep close watch over activity in existing accounts. Monitor bank and credit card accounts weekly, even daily. Sign up for alerts to your phone or e-mail accounts. Javelin found that 43% of reported identity-fraud cases are spotted through self-monitoring.
- Keep close watch on new accounts. Monitor your credit and public information to spot unauthorized activity. Get those free credit reports and consider fee-based services that monitor those things for you.
- Resolve identity fraud quickly. Report problems to you bank, credit union, protection services and the police immediately. Make sure your financial provider offers zero-liability protection for debit and credit cards.

Source: https://www.javelinstrategy.com/news/1556/92/16-Billion-Stolen-from-12-7-Million-Identity-Fraud-Victims-in-2014-According-to-Javelin-Strategy-Research/

File Credit Fraud Alerts:

- Equifax
  https://www.ai.equifax.com/CreditInvestigation/home.action
- Experian
  https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html
- Transunion
  http://www.transunion.com/personal-credit/credit-disputes/fraud-alerts.page
- Innovis
  https://www.innovis.com/personal/fraudActiveDutyAlerts

2015 Awareness Links and Information

- 2015 Verizon Data Breach Report:
  http://www.verizonenterprise.com/DBIR/
- Bitglass "Where's your data?" Experiment:
  http://www.bitglass.com/company/news/press_releases/bitglasswheresyourdata
- Advanced Persistent Threat Lifecycle:
  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_persistent_threat
- Sophos Wifi Experiment with James Lyne:
  https://player.vimeo.com/video/121471342
- Lifehacker: Five Best VPN Service Providers:
  http://lifehacker.com/5935863/five-best-vpn-service-providers
- List of websites and whether or not they support two-factor authentication:
  https://twofactorauth.org
- OpenDNS:
  https://www.opendns.com/
- Qualys Browsercheck:
  https://browsercheck.qualys.com/
- Malwarebytes:
  https://www.malwarebytes.org/
- Little Snitch:
  https://www.obdev.at/products/littlesnitch/index.html
- Windows Firewall Control:
  http://www.binisoft.org/wfc.php
- Have I been pwned?:
  https://haveibeenpwned.com/
- Free tools to wipe your drives securely:
  http://www.pcworld.com/article/254509/free_tools_to_wipe_your_drives_securely.html
- How to securely wipe my phone before I sell it:
  http://lifehacker.com/5808280/what-should-i-do-with-my-phone-before-i-sell-it
- Countdown to Zero Day (book):
  http://www.amazon.com/Countdown-Zero-Day-Stuxnet-Digital/dp/077043617X
- Spam Nation (book):
  http://www.amazon.com/Spam-Nation-Organized-Cybercrime-Epidemic/dp/1501210424

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