

Guarding against identity theft

during National Senior Safety Week and beyond

Did you know?

The Competition Bureau of Canada estimates that seniors between the ages of 60-79 were scammed out of \$94 million between January 2014 and December 2017.



What can you do to keep your information safe?



#1

Limit what you share online. Protect your personal information and do not give out your social insurance number online under any circumstances.



#2

Use secure websites. Look for a padlock icon next to the site's address before you consider sharing personal information online including credit card numbers and your address.



#3

Let calls go to voicemail. Many scam calls are of the "cold call" variety. If you're unsure, let the call go to voicemail to avoid speaking to someone claiming to be someone else.



#4

Make the call. Ensure that you are the one who initiated the call and you know who you're talking to before providing any information.



#5

Keep your digital household clean. Ensure your software is up to date and deactivate/delete accounts or apps you no longer use.



For more information...

You can take advantage of **TELUS Wise**, a free digital safety education program, offering Canadians of all ages interactive and informative workshops and resources. Topics include protecting your online security, privacy and reputation, rising above cyberbullying, and using technology responsibly.

Visit the **Canada Safety Council's** website for more safety information and a showcase of safety through the century as the organization celebrates 100 years in safety.

Sources : <http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/04334.html>, Canada Safety Council, TELUS Wise

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