

## **10 Tips to Reduce Your Risk of Identity Theft:**

#1 - Do not keep your Social Security card in your wallet or purse.

#2 - Do not have your Social Security number and/or driver's license number printed on your checks.

#3 – Get a free copy of your credit report from each of the 3 credit bureaus.

#4 - Shred pre-approved offers of credit you receive in the mail.

#5 - Do not pay your bills by check by putting your out-going mail in an unlocked box to be picked up. Use on-line Bill Pay or a locked drop box.

#6 - Check your monthly credit union and credit card statements for accuracy.

#7 – If you dispose of banking or credit statements shred them.

#8 – Insist on a change if your Social Security number used as your driver's license or health insurance number.

#9 – Do not use your personal computer for email or Internet access without a firewall installed.

#10 - Do not give your Social Security Number to anyone without being satisfied you are speaking to a legitimate employee of an organization with a need to know. Ask how they will safeguard your information.