Criminals can destroy your identity when they gather enough information, so beware the...



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Social Security Number:

A golden ticket that makes stealing your entire identity

Email address:

Criminals can send you phishing scams in hopes you'll give them more data.

ZIP code:

Seems harmless, but sometimes accounts require this information for added security.

Date of Birth:

Information required for nearly every account. With data, more common = more valuable.

Bank Card PINs:

Criminals can get access to your cash without having to show additional information.

Account numbers:

Full Name:

Your full legal name,

or other aliases, gives

of other information.

including maiden name

They don't just care about your bank accounts. They also want your retirement information and insurance account information.

Credit/debit card codes & exp. dates:

Common information required before making new purchases with a stored card. Imagine the shopping spree thieves could have!

Passport & Driver's License Numbers:

These give quick access to other information: full name, date of birth and address.

Mother's maiden name:

Common default account verification question for years; now, if you're given other options, use them!

■ Where you

were born:

Phone

number:

Criminals call

impersonating

officials, such as

IRS employees

Common account verification information.

Usernames & passwords:

Do you bank online? Do you share personal information via email or "the cloud"?
Think of what criminals could do if they had access.

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Individually, these pieces of data seem insignificant, but together they make it easy for Fraudosaurus to destroy your identity.

Protect yourself by enrolling in a program that constantly monitors the underground websites and alerts you if any of your info shows up.