

Did You Know?

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of the UK population are now aware of the threat and risks of identity fraud

the number of victims is still rising as people continue to be careless with their identities



7% or over 4 million

of the UK population have been victims of identity fraud

£1,190
average cost

£9,000
some have lost up to

UK CITIZENS

surveyed

25%

still aren't taking simple yet key precautions e.g. shredding bills/bank statements before putting them in the bin

ONLY 57%

verify emails or calls from organisations before responding

46%

wouldn't report a lost driving licence or passport straight away

59%

do not follow up when mail fails to arrive

ONLY 13%

regularly check their credit rating

STATISTICS FROM CIFAS

the UK's Fraud Prevention Service

80,000+

identity fraud cases in the UK so far this year



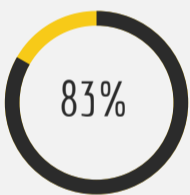
SOCIAL NETWORKING

85% of people who use social networking sites having shared information that could be used to commit identity fraud such as their address or date of birth

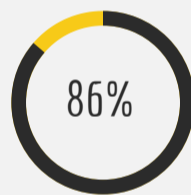


GOOD NEWS

in some areas consumers are being more vigilant



check for unfamiliar transactions on bills and statements



have security software on their home computer

Only 18%



said they were concerned about sharing information on or the security risk of social networking sites

10% sharing information about others that could then be used to assume their identities



PROTECT YOURSELF

prevention is always key

- Always check for unfamiliar transactions on bank statements
- Shred all documents containing sensitive information using a cross cut shredder before throwing them away
- Look into mail that goes missing
- Carry out regular personal credit report checks
- Redirect post for at least six months when moving house
- Limit the amount of information shared when using social networking sites



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