

Seniors and Identity Theft Twitter CHAT

On Thurs., Oct. 2, 2014, FTC staff attorney Lisa Schifferle participated in Identity Theft Resource Center's Twitter chat on seniors and identity theft. She used the [@FTC](#) Twitter account, and responded to questions with the #IDTheftChat hashtag.

Note: Tweets in their original order without handles redacted, and the chat questions remain posted on Twitter by searching the hashtag and/or FTC account for as long Twitter allows.

FTC staff will be joining the #IDTheft Twitter chat with @ITRCSD and @AARPadvocates in a few minutes. Join us! #IDTheftChat

@ITRCSD This is Lisa Schifferle at the FTC. I'm excited to join today's conversation. #IDTheftChat

██████████ The FTC's Consumer Sentinel stats show that medical #idtheft accounts for less than 1% of all id theft complaints. #IDTheftChat

██████████ The FTC just halted a Medicare scheme that took money from seniors' bank accounts. <http://go.usa.gov/vU6h> #IDTheftChat

The FTC has materials on health care scams and other scams targeting seniors at <http://ftc.gov/PassItOn>. #IDTheftChat

Q3: <http://ftc.gov/PassItOn> incl. info on the following scams: imposter, lottery, id theft, charity, health care & billing. #IDTheftChat

FTC has seen a huge increase in IRS imposter scams. #IDTheftChat

Q4: <http://ftc.gov/idtheft> has resources for id theft victims. #IDTheftChat

Q4: <http://ftc.gov/passiton> gives older adults tools to start conversations about id theft and pass on what they know. #IDTheftChat

Q5: Protect your Social Security Number. Don't give it out unless there's a good reason. #IDTheftChat

Q5: Check your credit report at least annually through <http://annualcreditreport.com>. #IDTheftChat

Q5: If you can, file your tax return early to try to avoid tax id theft. #IDTheftChat

Q5: Pass on what you know about id theft and scams. Check out <http://ftc.gov/passiton> to learn more. #IDTheftChat

Q6: Don't share financial information on social media. #IDTheftChat

Q6: Check your privacy settings on social media. #IDTheftChat

Older adults are part of the solution, not just scam victims. <http://ftc.gov/PassItOn> . #IDTheftChat

FTC's PassItOn recognizes that older adults have life experience that helps them recognize & avoid scams. #IDtheftchat

Q8: Victims should file complaints with <http://ftc.gov/complaint>. #IDTheftChat
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Q8: Victims should file a police report, place a fraud alert, file a complaint with the FTC, & contact affected companies. #IDTheftChat

Q9: Scam victims should also file complaints at <http://ftc.gov/complaint>. #IDTheftChat
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Scam victims (& others) should pass on what they know about scams. Check out <http://ftc.gov/passiton> to learn more. #IDTheftChat

Thanks to @ITRCSD and @AARPadvocates for hosting this Twitter chat. #IDTheftChat