Justified True or False List (Answer Key)

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Before reading: Read each statement carefully. Decide whether each statement is true (T) or false (F) based on your personal knowledge.

As you read: Re-evaluate your answer to each statement as you go. Correct answers as needed. If you deem a statement false, write the correct information underneath it.

**T**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. People aged 65 or older are one of the groups most affected by identity theft.

***Note:*** *2.6 million elderly people were victims of identity theft in 2014. This number is expected to increase.*

**F**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. About 6 million consumers are affected by identity theft or fraud annually.

*The number is closer to 15 million in 2016.*

**T**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The most frequently reported crime is theft of credit card information.

**F**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. The rate of identity theft has decreased slightly due to better cybersecurity measures.

*The rate of identity theft is increasing as corporate data is stolen by cyber thieves’ hacking.*

**T**

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. “Phishing” is a technique thieves use to collect personal information.

**F**

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Banks typically ask victims of identity theft to repay monetary losses from fraud.

*Banks typically cover losses of most victims.*

**T**

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. If you believe your personal information has been compromised, you should contact your credit card company immediately

**T**

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Hackers steal, on average, $150-$250 worth of goods or money for each credit card stolen.

**F**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Local police typically work with victims to recover money lost in cyber-related fraud.

*Local police don’t have the resources to battle cyber theft. The FBI investigates only corporate cyber theft.*

**T**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Once a thief has your personal information, they can apply for credit cards in your name.

**F**

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. It’s okay to accept friend requests on social media from people you don’t know.

*You should be aware of who is accessing your social media.*