

JUSTIFIED TRUE OR FALSE LIST (ANSWER KEY)

Name: _____

Hour: _____

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.