

# STOP.THINK.CONNECT.™

## Undergraduate Students Tip Card

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- 24% of all identity theft complaints made to the Federal Trade Commission are made by college students. <sup>i</sup>
- One in five U.S. teenagers who regularly log on to the Internet say they have received an unwanted sexual solicitation via the Web. <sup>ii</sup>
- 45% of employers use social networking sites to research job candidates. <sup>iii</sup>

### SIMPLE TIPS

- Protect all devices, such as computers, smart phones, and gaming systems that connect to the Internet from viruses and malware; only connect over a secure network.
- Keep social security numbers, account numbers, and passwords private as well as specific information about yourself, such as full name and birthdate.
- Own your online presence: set secure privacy settings on social networking websites and think twice about what you are posting and saying online.
- When banking and shopping, make sure the site is security enabled with “https://” or “shttp://.”
- Think before you act: be wary of messages that implore you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true, or ask for personal information.
- Speak up. If you see something in appropriate, let the website know.

### RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

- *OnGuardOnline.gov*
  - Learn the experts’ tips for protecting your information and your computer while online, including mobile app basics and securing your wireless network.
- *StaySafeOnline.org*
  - Read tips and advice for college students on how to keep your devices and information safe.
- *IDtheftcenter.org*
  - Access dedicated identity theft resources along with victim and consumer support help.

### IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF ONLINE CRIME

- Immediately change all passwords; financial passwords first. Do not use that password in the future.
- Disconnect your computer from the Internet.
- Restart your computer in safe mode and back up your data.
- Report stolen finances or identities and other cybercrime to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov>.
- Report the attack to your university and the local authorities.
- File a report with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team at <http://www.us-cert.gov> and the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>.

*Stop.Think.Connect. is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. The Campaign's main objective is to help you become more aware of growing cyber threats and arm you with the tools to protect yourself, your family, and you community. For more information visit <http://www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect>.*

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<sup>i</sup> ITRC Solution 26 – College Students and Identity Theft Identity Theft Resource Center. February 2, 2010.  
[http://www.idtheftcenter.org/artman2/publish/c\\_guide/Solution\\_26\\_-\\_College\\_Students\\_and\\_Identity\\_Theft.shtml](http://www.idtheftcenter.org/artman2/publish/c_guide/Solution_26_-_College_Students_and_Identity_Theft.shtml)

<sup>ii</sup> Crimes Against Children Research Center

<sup>iii</sup> 2009 Careerbuilder Survey

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/share/aboutus/pressreleasesdetail.aspx?id=pr519&sd=8/19/2009&ed=12/31/2009>



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