

Fraud Prevention

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



Discovering what the internet has to offer can deliver countless learning opportunities and lots of fun for everybody. However, keep in mind that there are risks you will want to address. Internet safety is extremely important. We all need to be attentive to internet safety and guidelines especially when it comes to protecting your identity. Identity theft (or fraud) occurs when your personal information is collected and used by people without authorization to do so. A few tips to internet safety include:

- Keep your computer secure by installing a firewall, antivirus, antispymware, antispam and maintaining updates.
- Secure your wireless router by changing the name of your router and set up a password.
- Choose strong passwords for websites and emails with at least 8 characters, upper and lowercase, numbers and symbols. Change your password a few times a year and don't use the same password for multiple sites.
- Be skeptical about websites. Make sure you trust the source before opening or downloading anything.
- Ensure your internet purchase transactions are secure. Read the company's privacy policy to ensure the information you enter on the web site will be kept confidential and not sold to others.

Please check out our website for more safety tips! www.calgarycommunities.com/our-services/building-safe-communities/