

Activity 2.10: Take Preventive Action



NAME:

DATE:

Directions:

1. For each of the suggestions above, evaluate what you do now to deter thieves from stealing your personal information.
2. To the left of each bullet, write your rating as "+" if the advice matches your actions most of the time, "-" if you never carry out the action, or "+/-" if you sometimes do the action but could be more careful.

My Rating + +/- -	Preventive Action
	Stay mum. In your profiles, don't list your real birth date, mailing address, or anything you use as a password or to answer a security question for your financial accounts.
	Become a control freak. Use privacy settings to limit the personal information people outside your network can see.
	Pick a strong password. Hackers pretending to be you can scam your friends. Create a non-obvious password that includes a mix of numbers, symbols, and letters (both capitals and lowercase).
	Stay cautious. Messages sent via social networking sites may be even less secure than typical email when it comes to viruses, malware, and fraudulent links to scam your information.
	Just say "ignore." If you can't bring yourself to reject a stranger's "friend" request, just ignore it. Scammers will quickly move on to someone else.
	Watch your apps. Facebook and other social sites do not screen new apps for security issues and viruses. Search an app's name online before adding to see if there are any reported problems.