



Get Smart: Protect Your Smart Phone

Did you know smartphone users are about one-third more likely to be victims of identity fraud than others? If you're not careful about guarding the personal information on your phone, fraudsters have sneaky ways to get it and make phony financial transactions using your name and other info.

Fortunately, you can take simple steps to protect your smartphone from thieves and hackers. Think of your smartphone as a minicomputer, holding tons of information about you. Protect it as you would any computer, or you may be broadcasting your whereabouts and other personal stuff to complete strangers.

You need a strong password for your phone, software to back up your information and wipe it clean if it's stolen, and security software to prevent malware and viruses. Make sure you only download apps from trusted sources. And don't access your financial accounts from public Wi-Fi hotspots--they're a prime target for hackers.

If you do lose your phone, or if it's stolen, contact your phone carrier immediately. Here at Velocity Community Credit Union, we care about your safety and privacy. Protect your smartphone and keep talking and texting safely.