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Every 79 seconds a pilferer is sifting through garbage, a dishonest employee is photocopying receipts, or a hacker is prompting you for secure information in a disguised email, putting every single person at risk.

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Internet Police: If there's suspicious activity in your neighborhood, you immediately call 911 for help. But what if you see suspicious activity online? The World Wide Web is overloaded with cyber thieves, and the "Incredible Internet Guy" has corroborated a virtual weapon to serve and protect us. Safeguard yourself and your teens, while surfing the net. Parents can monitor what their kids do online, and find useful tips to reduce becoming an online identity theft victim. **For more information, visit www.incredibleinternet.com.**

Spam Blocker: Just like your inbox, you can filter who goes into your credit file. Update the settings on your credit report to block unwanted access. Add a Security Freeze and prevent identity thieves from opening new accounts, applying for credit, and other mischief activity without your consent. For extra protection, request a freeze with each of the 3 major credit reporting companies. **For more information, visit www.transunion.com, www.equifax.com, and www.experian.com.**

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