

LEGAL SMART

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The mission of Legal Resources is to provide superior legal services to our members, enabling them to lead active, healthy and worry-free lives, free of major legal expenses.

This Month's Edition includes:

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- and much more!

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TIP OF THE MONTH



If there is language in any school paperwork you don't agree with, you can mark through it to show that you don't agree. This may cause your student to be unable to participate in school events though, so be sure to seek advice from an attorney before signing or marking anything.

If you're feeling overwhelmed with all of the paperwork and its legal language - reach out to your Legal Resources Plan Attorney for assistance in explaining it to you and your student.

(http://blogs.findlaw.com/law_and_life/2015/08/5-back-to-school-legal-reminders.html)



PROTECTING YOUR CHILD'S IDENTITY AT SCHOOL



Depending on the age of your child, you may not be worried about his or her identity being stolen. However, 1.3 million children are impacted by identity theft or fraud each year (Chappel, 2016), and a recent study indicated that up to 10% of America's youth have potentially been targets of identity theft. As students head back to school at any grade, they will be asked for personally identifiable information, and it may seem harmless. While school officials are trustworthy, the more information is out in the world, the more easily it can be accessed by identity thieves.

Even more so than adults, children's social security numbers are used frequently as a form of identification at schools, doctor's offices, and any number of extracurricular activities. If a child's social security number is easily accessible, it could be targeted by identity thieves. An individual's credit profile begins when the first application is received.

Learn how to protect your children from identity theft on our blog. If your child has experienced identity theft, or you are concerned about his or her rights, reach out to your Legal Resources Plan Attorney and schedule an appointment to review next steps.

(<https://www.cylab.cmu.edu/files/pdfs/reports/2011/child-identity-theft.pdf>)

#TrendingNow

Real ID

The Department of Homeland Security announced a 19-month extension to the REAL ID enforcement date. Starting May 3, 2023, all air travelers ages 18 and over will be required to present a driver's license or identification card compliant with REAL ID regulations. REAL ID enforcements reduce the possibility for using counterfeit documents to commit fraud. Although the appearance of a REAL ID differs only slightly from a non-compliant identification card, the process by which you obtain the REAL ID is more secure.

<https://dhs.gov/real-id>



SOMETHING DIFFERENT

What's Streaming?

Soak up the last few days of summer vacation by streaming the newest Netflix and Hulu releases:

Netflix Originals:

Quartet
The Paper Tigers
Vivo
'76
30 Rock

Hulu:

Nine Perfect Strangers
Reservation Dogs
Only Murders in the Building
Vacation Friends
Under the Tuscan Sun

NETFLIX **hulu**

*This is not a comprehensive list. All selections were made at random.

DID YOU KNOW?

September is National Preparedness Month

According to the CDC, every September, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with 3,000 global, national, regional, and local governments, as well as private and public health institutions, supports emergency preparedness efforts and encourages Americans to take action before, during, and after an emergency. Ensure valuable personal possessions are taken care of properly before you lose them.

CYBER CORNER

Malicious AirDrops

Gone are the days of attaching documents to an e-mail or texting photos to a friend one image at a time. Enhancements in Bluetooth technologies allow you to share virtually any file, anywhere. Apple's popular AirDrop feature is one such improvement, but its convenience comes with a risk for approximately 1.5 billion of its users. To steal PII through AirDrop, hackers need only be close to a victim and have Wi-Fi access. Disable AirDrop whenever you're in public spaces and do not accept file drops from any unknown devices.



Frequently Asked Questions



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