

Welcome to Today's Class!

Today's Topic: Fraud and Identity Theft

Approximately 24 million U.S. residents (about 9% of the population age 16 or older) are victims of identity theft annually. What can we do to protect ourselves?

Agenda:

1. Review the video and vocabulary
2. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



Watch & Learn



How phone scammers are using AI to imitate voices

Key Vocabulary:

1. sophisticated
2. frantic
3. clone
4. “panic mode”
5. “post real society”
6. fraudulent
7. phishing
8. biometric ID



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Screenshot

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJZYd_65xs4

Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever received a suspicious message? What did you do?
2. What are some “red flags” that should warn us of a possible scam?
3. Why do people fall for phishing scams? (time pressure, fear, trust, ??)
4. What are some things we can do to protect ourselves from fraud and identity theft?
5. Should SSNs (Social Security Numbers) be replaced with biometric ID?



The rise of artificial intelligence has increased concerns about future fraud, with reports suggesting 1 in 3 Americans were scammed within a 12-month period as of 2024.