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## Identity Theft: How to Ride the Storm

We've seen some turbulent weather this storm season. With tornadoes, hail, and high winds destroying farms and towns in our immediate area, the "What if it happened here?" thought has been top of mind for us here at York State Bank. What if our customers lost their important information in a storm? What if their information was compromised, not just in a storm, but anywhere? How can we help to protect them? The following list will help you be prepared for lost information on any day, in any weather.

**1) Make sure you have a back up.**

Whether it's using an external hard drive to back up your computer or making copies of your important papers, make sure you have an extra stored in a safe place. Our safety deposit boxes are excellent places to store back ups of your bookwork and other important information.

**2) Documents with personal information should be shredded when no longer needed.**

And remember, not all shredders were created equal. A confetti shredder, for instance, will ensure that your information is harder to piece together than one that shreds in straight pieces.

**3) Never carry more than what you need.**

You won't need your social security card for your night on the town, so leave it out of your billfold and in a safe place. Checkbooks and sensitive mail are easy to

throw in a purse and forget about, but taking them places you won't need them leave you more vulnerable to identity theft.

**4) Stay vigilant while online.**

Make sure your security software is updated, never use public wireless internet to send personal information, and be sure to only enter information into secure websites after reading their privacy policies. Encrypt any personal information, make passwords difficult to guess, and never over-share on social media.

Identity theft is a growing problem in Nebraska. Taking these simple steps will leave you less vulnerable to attack; however, if anything should occur, York State Bank will be there to help you on the road to recovery.

 **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 16.6 MILLION PEOPLE EXPERIENCED IDENTITY THEFT IN 2012
- ABOUT 7% OF PERSONS AGE 16 OR OLDER WERE VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT IN 2012

*(SOURCE: BUREAU OF JUSTICE)*