Social networking has become part of everyday life in the U.S. and the explosion of smartphones has made even more social profiles always within reach. So are we at the airport, or a tablet. The thieves can find ways to tap into your information they need to steal your details. The problem is... No one can prevent all identity theft. From Social Media - 4 Rainie, Lee, Sara Kiesler, Ruogu Kang, and Mary Madden. “Anonymity, Privacy, and Security Online.” Pew Research Centers Internet American Life Project RSS. September 5, 2013. The thieves can piece together a pretty hefty cache of information the information they mine on social networks— if you become part of everyday life. You’re tapping into a rich vein of information that enables them to steal identities. The thieves can find ways to tap into your social profiles to steal the sensitive information they need to steal your details.

HOW THEFT STEALS YOUR IDENTITY:

1. Through your social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. They can “friend” you or even pose as you to get access to your contact list and other private information.
2. Identity thieves can piece together a pretty hefty cache of information the information they mine on social networks— if you become part of everyday life. You’re tapping into a rich vein of information that enables them to steal identities.
3. Friends, family and even complete strangers can access your personal details on social media. They can get into your accounts, or mislead you into giving them access.
4. Your social media profiles are available to anyone with an internet connection. So, anyone can pry into your activities, location and much more.
5. Identity thieves can piece together a pretty hefty cache of information the information they mine on social networks— if you become part of everyday life. You’re tapping into a rich vein of information that enables them to steal identities.

HOW TO BE A SAFER TRAVELER:

1. Don't broadcast your vacation plans online. Identity thieves can piece together a pretty hefty cache of information the information they mine on social networks— if you become part of everyday life. Your location can be a real danger. You’re tapping into a rich vein of information that enables them to steal identities.
2. Don't accept friend requests from strangers. Even if they are your friends or family members, make sure you know them well before accepting their friend requests.
3. Don't use your real name or ask about your trip details online. Identity thieves can piece together a pretty hefty cache of information the information they mine on social networks— if you become part of everyday life. You’re tapping into a rich vein of information that enables them to steal identities.
4. Don't share your contact details online. Identity thieves can piece together a pretty hefty cache of information the information they mine on social networks— if you become part of everyday life. You’re tapping into a rich vein of information that enables them to steal identities.

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