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## **Identity Theft:**

Helping Better Protect Your Employees and Their Families







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## Increases in identity theft can drive increases in fraud

#### In the US in 2022<sup>1</sup>:

\$43 billion lost to identity fraud

40 million victims

25% of consumers affected by a data breach<sup>3</sup>



51% of identity victims were repeat victims, based on a 2023 report.<sup>2</sup>

- 1. Javelin Strategy & Research, Identity Fraud Study, 2023
- 2. Javelin Strategy & Research, "Identity Fraud: The Consumer protection Imperative", Aug 2023
- 3. Over a single 12-month period, one-quarter of U.S. consumers were notified that their PII had been lost or stolen in a data breach. Javelin Strategy & Research, Identity Fraud Study, 2023





# Identity Theft



## Identity Fraud

Personal information is stolen.

Stolen information is used for illicit gain.



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## Identity fraud even impacts children

1 in 80

U.S. children were victims of identity fraud in 2022

\$688 Million

Lost to child identity fraud in 2022



Longer to resolve than adult identity fraud







Children Can Be the Perfect Mark for Identity Thieves

13%

of ALL U.S. households had at least one child impacted by ID theft<sup>1</sup>

9%

of ALL U.S. households had at least one child impacted by fraud linked to ID fraud<sup>1</sup>

# How Stolen PII Is Used for Child Identity Fraud and the Potential Impact

- Open new lines of credit or loans that go into collection or default and remain on the child's credit
- Damage a child's credit and make it difficult for them to qualify in the future for student loans, get credit cards, or rent a place to live
- Children are not targeted in isolation; when children are targeted, the entire family is targeted.<sup>1</sup>



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## How does it happen?

- Phishing, smishing, and vishing
- Fake websites
- Data breaches
- Skimming
- Public Wi-Fi
- Purchase of information on Dark Web
- Social Media

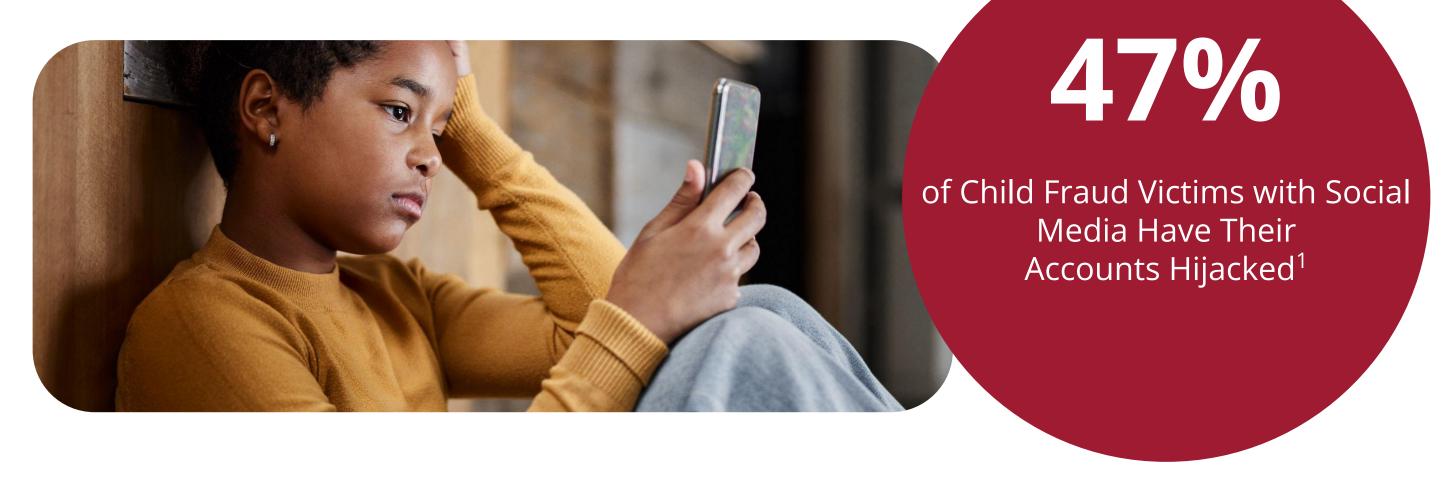




#### Social Media Risks



- Oversharing
- Talking to strangers
- Expanding their network





## Consumers are not often taking advantage of existing tools



70%

No security freeze on their credit report<sup>1</sup>

64%

No VPN when using a device for personal use<sup>1</sup>

61%

No identity protection subscription<sup>1</sup>

60%

No password manager<sup>1</sup>

47%

No credit monitoring service<sup>1</sup>

43%

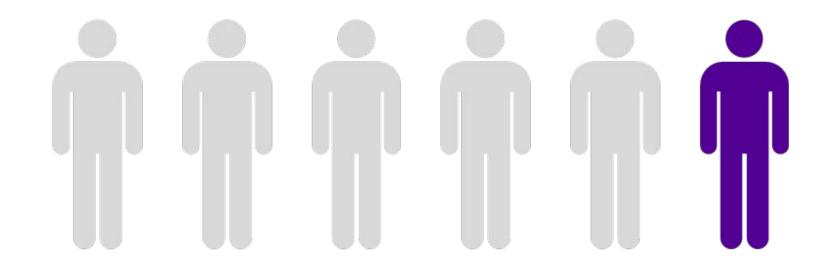
No fraud alerts on credit reports<sup>1</sup>

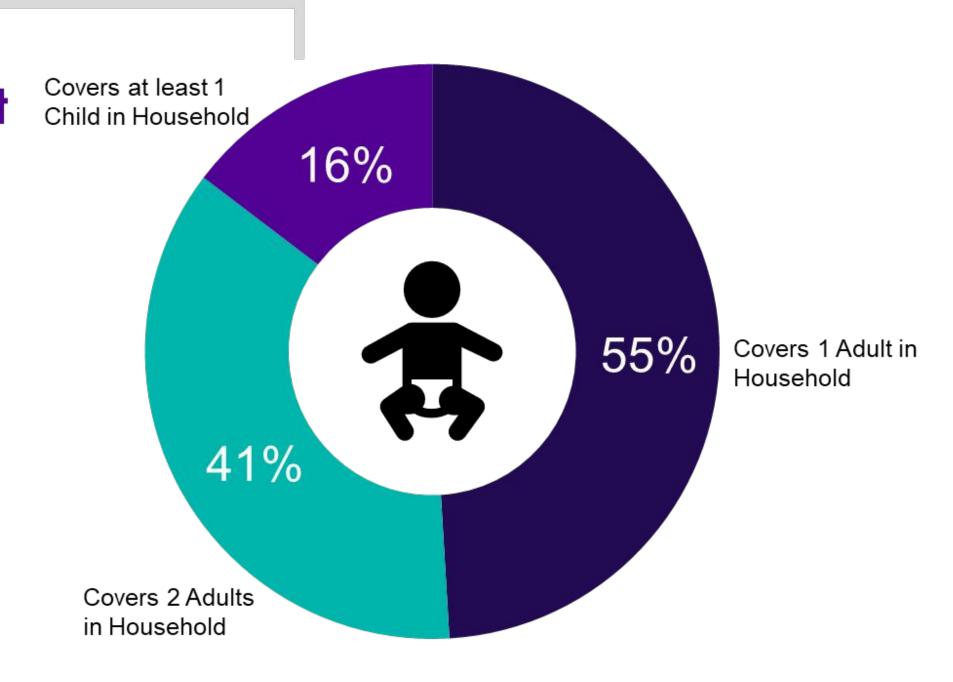


## Coverage for children is inadequate

## Approximately 1/6 of the Target Market

Among consumers who own IDPS subscriptions and have minor children living in their household, only 16% have at least one of those children covered by an IDPS subscription









# Identity fraud can hurt your employees and your bottom line

#### **Employees** may face:

- Financial impact of stolen funds or damaged credit
- Time wasted trying to resolve the fraud
- **Emotional stress** as a victim, feeling violated, anxious, and unsafe



#### **Employers** may face:

- Less productivity from employees due to their stress and worry over identity crimes
- Absenteeism and presenteeism as victims navigate fraud resolution on their own
- Employer turnover of financially or emotionally stressed employees





## A More Proactive Approach to Helping Fight Identity Fraud

• Features that can help stop identity theft from becoming fraud (ex., credit and identity monitoring; suspicious activity alerts)

- Family protection from infants to seniors
- Cybersecurity tools and password managers
- Instant-on monitoring and engagement in tools
- Ongoing education and guidance to help you better identify and avoid identity threats



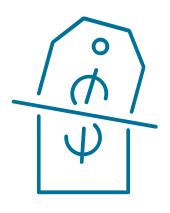


## Offering Identity Theft Protection as a benefit helps better protect your employees and their families





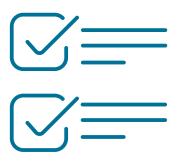
Reduces the pressure of choosing from many vendors off your employee's to-do list



Makes identity protection more affordable with discounted rates



Simplifies payments with payroll deduction and employer paid options



Offers identity resolution for pre-existing conditions



Provides instant-on monitoring for families based on benefits dependents



# Questions?





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