


 BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

# Defining fraud and identity theft

Millions of Americans are affected by fraud and identity theft each year. To help you protect yourself against these crimes, it's helpful to define and recognize the most common types of fraud and identity theft.

## Instructions

1. Research your assigned frauds and write the definitions on the worksheet below.
2. Check your definitions with your teacher.
3. Gather art supplies to create definition posters to place on a class word wall.
4. Present the definitions of your fraud or identity theft to other groups and record the other groups' definitions on your worksheet (be sure you have all definitions).
5. After presenting, hang your definitions on the word wall.
6. Refer back to these definitions as you study the topic of consumer protection.

 Find definitions of fraud and identity theft on these resources:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau website:

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud/>

Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft>

## Define each type of fraud or identity theft

1. Data breach with misuse of the data:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Elder financial exploitation:

3. Foreclosure relief scam:

4. Identity theft:

5. Imposter scam:

6. Tax-related identity theft:

7. Mail fraud scam:

8. Phishing scam:

9. Spoofing:

10. Wire transfer fraud: