**Identity Theft/Password Exercise**

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Answer the following using the report: *Victims of Identity Theft, 2014* available at https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/vit14.pdf

1. List three types of identity theft. According to the survey, how many people experienced each type of theft?
2. Looking at table 1, is identity theft on the rise? Justify your answer.
3. On page 4 the report states that “persons age 18 to 24 were the least like to experience existing credit card fraud”, can you think of a reason for this?

1. How do most victims discover that they were a target of identity theft? What actions can you take to change this?
2. What types of losses do victims of identity theft suffer? Discuss financial and non-financial losses.
3. In the end, what did the average victim of identity theft lose in terms of money and time?

*Based on class discussion, answer the following.*

1. What are three major steps you can take to secure your identity?
2. What are characteristics of a bad password?
3. What are some ways to make a good password?
4. What is phishing?