COMPARE: Types of Identity Theft

Identity theft affects millions of people in the U.S. and can sometimes have a devastating financial and emotional impact on its victims. Being aware of the ways in which identity theft can occur and knowing what steps you can take to protect your information is essential to avoiding being a victim of identity theft.

In this activity, you will conduct research on different types of identity theft and how they occur. Then, you'll learn more about how you can protect your personal information.

Part I: Types of Identity Theft

1. Conduct research online to fill out the table below for each type of identity theft listed.

Type of Identity Theft	Description	How can this type of ID theft occur?
Social Security Identity Theft		
Tax Identity Theft		
Medical Identity Theft		
Employment Identity Theft		

Child Identity Theft		
Criminal Identity Theft		

Part II: Reflection

2. While you can't guarantee that you will never be targeted for identity theft, there are many steps you can take to protect your personal information to minimize the chances of having your identity stolen. Name at least 2 possible actions you can take to prevent having your identity stolen.

3. What challenges do you anticipate in implementing some of the above steps? Explain.