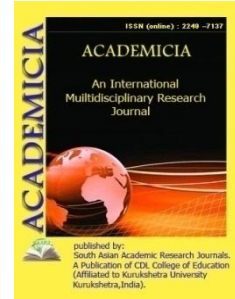




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**A STUDY OF IDENTITY THEFT: INTENTIONS, CONNECTED FRAUDS,
 METHODS AND AVOIDANCE**

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ABSTRACT

This article provides a conceptual overview of the main crimes that result in ID fraud and millions of dollars in damages for businesses and individuals across the globe each year. The article examines the unique successful approaches for the long-term development of preventive measures that have been made available to individuals and businesses. Furthermore, the article analyzes the research and highlights the most efficient methods for individuals and businesses to protect themselves against identity theft, since victims may face a long process of repairing the harm to their reputation, credit rating, and employment. Identity theft is when someone obtains someone else's private information without their permission in order to abuse it. It will be shown how criminals use both technology-based and social engineering methods to obtain personal information. Finally, people and organizations will be given many effective preventive methods for protecting critical data and information against identity theft. Typically, criminals use human factors to get over security measures. As a result, the proposal places a strong emphasis on raising people's understanding via public and corporate training.

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