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Event: Fight Identity Theft Session

Location: Reitz Union Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Date: March 11, 2005

Time: 1pm

Objective: To educate people on the various risks of identity theft and how to prevent them.

On March 11, the UF IT security team will host an identity theft discussion in the Reitz Union Auditorium. Guest speaker Brenda Williams from the Alachua County Extension Office will discuss the risks involving identity theft and how to protect oneself from becoming a victim of identity theft.

This event will appeal to a broad range of people, especially those who use a computer for browsing the Internet, making transactions and other online communications.

E-mail and web scams, also called phishing, are one way that identities are stolen. Phishing scams have increased steadily over the past few years. College students are popular targets for these scams. Types of theft include hackers gaining access to personal information from databases, phishing e-mails or popups which persuade users to disclose personal information, and cases like the most recent ChoicePoint scam in which personal information was sold to illegitimate organizations. By limiting the amount of personal information people disclose and being aware of various scams people can protect their identity.

A member of the UF IT security team, Jordan Wiens, will also speak at the event. In the second half of the session he will discuss details of phishing and other online scams.

Please join us March 11 at 1pm in the Reitz Union Auditorium to learn how to protect your good name, how to spot a scam and how the Internet plays a role in identity theft. For updates or more information, visit http://infosec.ufl.edu/athome. [http://infosec.ufl.edu/athome]

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