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Partial Government Shut Down Makes Identity Theft More Likely

The ongoing government shut down is making US citizens more vulnerable to identity theft. The two main websites IdentityTheft.gov and FTC.gov/complaint, created by the government for the purpose of protecting victims from identity theft are currently off-line. In effect, this leaves Americans helpless against reporting stolen identities.



The IRS is also affected by the shutdown. It typically sees tax related fraud peak between January and April. Currently, 87.5% of its workforce has been granted leave.

The full impact of this shutdown will not be realized until some time after it ends.

For now, if you suspect you are the victim of identity theft, contact the [Identity Theft Resource Center](#).

Source: Information Management Today

Fun Facts About Valentine's Day

- Valentine's Day is the 2nd largest card giving day of the year, after Christmas. 1 Billion cards are expected to be exchanged!
- Every year 9 million people buy their pet a Valentine's Day gift.
- Teachers receive the most cards followed by children, mom's, wives and then girlfriends.
- In 1913, Hallmark was the first company to mass produce Valentine's Day cards.
- People will spend 3.3 billion on flowers this Valentine's Day, second only to Mother's Day.
- The average man spends \$130, and women spend \$70 on their Valentine's.
- Over 36 million heart shaped chocolate boxes are sold on Valentine's Day in the US alone.



Source: 1800Flowers

Where Germs Hide in Your Office

- **Door Handles** - Everyone touches them! Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds to help stop the spread of germs. You can also wash down handles with a sanitized wipe
- **Elevator Buttons** - Use your elbow to get to another floor or use hand sanitizer after you touch the button.
- **Desktop** - They have 400 times more germs than a

toilet seat!

- **Keyboard** - People sneeze, spill food and drink on them. If you share a keyboard, be extra cautious to sanitize your hands before eating or rubbing your eyes.
- **Telephone** - With an average 25,000 germs per square inch, this one ranks at the top. Wipe it several times a day with sanitizer.
- **Coffee Maker** - Bacteria loves to grow in the damp, dark places in this machine. Fill it with 4 cups of plain vinegar followed by 3 cycles of water until you don't smell the vinegar. And, be sure to wipe down the coffee pot handle.
- **Kitchen Sponge** - It's wet and collects germs. Most new sponges will have salmonella and E. coli within 3 weeks.
- **Microwave Door** - So many people touch this when they heat their lunch up. Use a sanitizing wipe on it before you use it.



Source: WebMD

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