

1. Treat checks the same as cash and keep them in a safe place.
2. Don't accept a check that appears to be altered and don't make any changes on checks written to you.
3. Don't make a check out to "Cash" or "Bearer". This allows anyone to cash it. Instead, write in the name of the financial institution or business where you're cashing it.
4. Destroy any blank checks and deposit slips you don't use.
5. Don't sign a check until you have filled in the amount and the name of the person or business you're paying. If a signed, blank check is lost or stolen anyone can fill in a name and amount and cash it.
6. Don't be offended if the teller at the credit union does not remember you and asks you for identification, or if they ask that you sign a check in their presence. This is a security measure that protects your money.