PROTECT YOUR
NRIC NUMBER

From 1 September 2019, companies can only ask for your NRIC number* if required by the law or if necessary to prove your identity.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

01
ASK
Is your NRIC number required by law, or is it necessary to prove your identity?

Psst!
You may simply show your NRIC if a company just needs to check your identity.

02
CHOOSE ALTERNATIVES
Unless required by law or necessary to prove your identity, check if the company accepts other personal data instead, e.g. mobile number or partial NRIC number (e.g. XXXX567A).

03
SAFEGUARD
Unless required by law, don’t let companies keep your NRIC (even if it’s temporary).

*Treatment applies to Foreign Identification Number (FIN), Work Permit number and Birth Certificate number, as well as identification documents containing these numbers.
TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE?

Here are some examples of when, and when not, to give your NRIC number.

- Joining an organisation as a new employee
- Checking into a hotel
- Seeking treatment at a medical clinic
- Subscribing to a mobile phone line
- Enrolling into a private education institution
- Redemption of free parking
- Signing up for retail membership
- Submitting feedback or registering interest in a product or service
- Online purchase of movie tickets
- Participating in a lucky draw