
How To Report Suspected Fraud

SSN: If you think there's another person using your Social Security number to file income taxes, call the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213.

Tax Fraud: If you suspect a company or an individual of committing tax fraud or not obeying tax laws, call the IRS at (800) 829-0433.



For Questions or Help

Contact the Internal Revenue Service.

Key numbers

For individuals (800) 829-1040

For persons with hearing impairment (800) 829-4059

Hours of operation:
Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Web Site: www.irs.gov



Online Tax Fraud Prevention Quick Checklist

- The IRS does not ask for personal information on email.
- Never respond to unsolicited email requests for information.
- For information on the latest threats, visit the IRS Tax Fraud Alert page.
- Choose your tax preparation software carefully.
- Ensure you submit your taxes over a secure connection.
- Report suspected fraud to the proper authorities.
- See the IRS web page at

www.irs.gov



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ONLINE TAX FRAUD PREVENTION

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ONLINE TAX FRAUD



Income Tax Time Again

Do you file your federal income tax over the Internet? If so, it's important to remember some rules about protecting your privacy and preventing identity theft. After all, the information in your return contains everything that an unscrupulous third party needs to steal your identity, your refund, and perhaps much more.

Recognizing Scams

Remember - ***If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.*** You can find web sites claiming to be companies that will file your taxes for free. Be realistic – would a real business do that? How about Web sites that claim you don't have to pay income tax because it's unconstitutional? Recently, in a high

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profile case, someone using that argument was found guilty of failing to file federal income tax returns.

Who Wants To Know? (Or, Don't be a Victim of Phishing)



Recently, an e-mail from “Internal Revenue Service [refund@irs.gov]” was sent to employees of various agencies of the State of Nevada. A line in the body of a very official looking message says “For more information of your tax refund please click here.” If you do, you’ll be directed to a web page, which certainly appears to belong to the IRS, asking for a great deal of private identifying information. A check of the address, however, will show the web page is hosted on an overseas server. The IRS does not use e-mail to communicate any personal information.

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If you’ve been contacted by someone claiming to be from the IRS, you can call 1-800-829-1040 to find out if the contact was authentic. For information on phishing scams, read “Warning on Identity Theft Scams” from the IRS.

Never respond to unsolicited requests for information!

Getting Down to Business

Tax Preparation Software: Choose your tax-preparation software with care. Ask people you trust for software recommendations or purchase software from a well known provider. Buy it – don’t try to use a pirated copy from someone. For more information about e-file partners and tax software, visit the IRS e-file Partners for Taxpayers page.

Use a Secure Link: If you are filing your taxes on the Web, make sure that the Web address begins with https and check to see if a tiny locked padlock appears somewhere on the screen (depends on your browser).



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