

Security Awareness and Identity Theft

How can you protect your tax records?



Check your credit report once every 12 months.



Review your bank statements and credit card bills often.



Request a copy of your credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free 877.322.8228 or complete the Annual Credit Report Request form and mail it to:

**Annual Credit Report
Request Service
P.O. Box 105281
Atlanta, GA 30348-5281**



Report incidents of Identity Theft to the Federal Trade Commission.



File an affidavit with the Federal Trade Commission if you have been a victim of identity theft. Also make a report to your local police and the three major credit bureaus.



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Secure personal information in your home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having work done in your home.



Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or on the Internet unless you've initiated the contact or you are sure you know who you're dealing with.



Protect your Social Security number.

Protect personal computers: use firewalls, anti spam and virus software and update security patches.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft, but you believe you may be at risk due to a lost/stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, etc contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490.

Remember, the IRS does not request sensitive information by e-mail.

Resources:

- **IRS.gov, keyword Identity Theft**
- **FTC.gov/Identity Theft**



**Do your part to
secure your identity.**