

IRS IDENTITY THEFT VICTIM INFORMATION FLYER



Do You Believe You're a Victim of Identity Theft?

Be Alert: More than one tax return for you was filed; You have a balance due, refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return; IRS records indicate you received more wages than you actually earned; or your state or federal benefits were reduced or cancelled because the agency received information reporting an income change.

Follow These Steps:

IRS Letter: If you received a notice from the IRS and you suspect your identity has been used fraudulently, respond immediately by calling the number on the notice.

IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit: If you did not receive an IRS notice, but believe you've been the victim of identity theft, call **800-908-4490** right away so the IRS can take steps to secure your tax account and match your SSN or ITIN.

IRS Identity Theft Affidavit: Complete [Form 14039](#) by following the directions on the back of the form that relates to your specific circumstances. Completion of this form is mandatory to resolve your identity theft issue with the IRS and to protect you from future identity theft with the IRS.

IRS Flyer: [Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance](#) or search online "IRS Form 4535"

Federal Trade Commission: Report incidents of identity theft to the FTC at www.consumer.ftc.gov or the FTC Identity Theft Hotline at **877-438-4338** or **TTY 866-653-4261**.

Federal Trade Commission Flyer: [Taking Charge: What To Do If Your Identity Is Stolen](#) or search online "FTC Taking Charge"

Police Report: File a report with your local police department. Credit bureaus may require a copy.

Credit Bureaus: Contact the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus and close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Free (annual) credit reports are available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

- Equifax: www.equifax.com or 800-525-6285
- Experian: www.experian.com or 888-397-3742
- TransUnion: www.transunion.com or 800-680-7289