



Know the Warning Signs...

Scam Prevention Tips during Tax Season.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Be alert to possible tax-related identity theft if the IRS or your tax professional/provider indicates:

- More than one tax return was filed using your SSN.
- You receive a 1099 for unemployment, but you didn't claim the benefit.
- IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work.

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR RISK

- Avoid phishing emails, as well as threatening calls and texts from thieves posing as legitimate organizations such as your bank, credit card companies, and even the IRS.
- Do not click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious emails.
- Shred unwanted documents that contain personal information before discarding.
- Never give out personal information over the phone or the Internet unless you initiated the contact.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Notify the IRS and Postal Inspectors if you believe you are the victim of tax refund fraud.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.identitytheft.gov.
- Contact one of the three major credit bureaus to place a "fraud alert" on your credit records.
- Contact your financial institutions and close any financial or credit accounts opened without your permission or tampered with by identity thieves.

**For more information
regarding Tax Scam
Prevention, please follow
the provided QR Code:**



To contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service or report a crime,
call **1-877-876-2455** or **www.uspis.gov**