



Identity theft and tax scams are on the rise this tax season. We have clients who have been caught up in this nasty problem. Business colleagues are reporting many stories about this year's epidemic of fraud and scamming. So, this is an important alert.

Identity Theft and Tax Scam Alert

If you are not up to date on the tactics that are being employed, this Forbes article will fill you in on how even seemingly unlikely targets are being fleeced. [Forbes: Fake IRS Agent Scam Targets Public, Even Feds, While Identity Theft Tax Fraud is Rampant](#)

We cannot say enough about how important it is to be aware of and vigilant about protecting your identity and understanding the scams that abound. We are sending you three links to vital information. Please read this information and save it for future reference.

This link connects you to a quick update so that you can recognize a scam:

[IRS Completes the "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams for 2015](#)

This link gives you concise information about preventing identity theft:

[Identity Protection: Prevention, Detection and Victim Assistance](#)

This link takes you to the page on IRS.gov where you can create a PIN and use it instead of your SSN for e-filing:

[Get Your Electronic Filing PIN](#)

If you are contacted by anyone saying they are "from the IRS", stop the conversation and contact us. Don't become a victim. We're here to help.