

# TAX FRAUD FACTS

Did you know that identity theft can lead to tax fraud?  
Don't let a fraudster run away with your refund.



**\$21 billion**

Amount IRS estimates they paid out in 2016 fraudulent refunds

Source: usatoday.com



**34%** OF ALL IDENTITY THEFT COMPLAINTS target tax or wage related fraud



Source: ftc.gov

**371,061**

tax or wage identify theft complaints in 2017

Source: ftc.gov

**1919**

The year the IRS Intelligence Unit was created to investigate tax fraud

Source: irs.gov



**FLORIDA**

is the tax scam capital of the U.S.

Source: CPA Practice Advisor



**3 THINGS**

a FRAUDSTER NEEDS to file a fraudulent tax return

**1. Your NAME**

J a n e D o e

**2. Your BIRTHDAY**

0 4 1 6 1 9 1 9

**3. Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

## 3 WAYS to PROTECT YOURSELF from tax fraud

1. File your taxes ASAP.
2. Give your SSN **only** when absolutely required!
3. Don't give any personal or financial info to someone claiming to be the IRS by phone, fax, email or social media.



**WHERE TO GO FOR HELP**

Go to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) for more tips and current consumer alerts on tax scams.

If you think you might be the victim of identity theft, whether or not it might lead to tax fraud, call the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at **800-908-4490**.

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