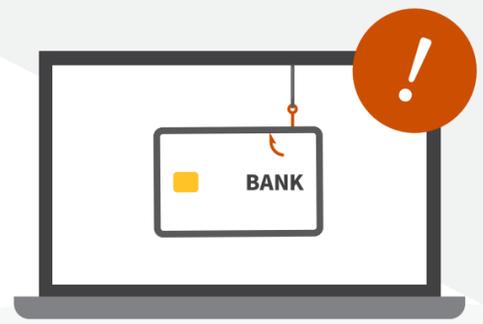


From the IRS: Tax-Related Identity Theft



If you suspect you are a potential victim of identity theft, the IRS recommends you continue to file and pay your taxes. File a paper return if you can.

And, depending on the type of scam, there are further steps you can take, according to the IRS:

If your Social Security number is compromised and you know or suspect you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, the IRS recommends these actions:



1 Respond immediately to any IRS notice: Call the number provided.



2 If your e-filed return is rejected because of a duplicate filing complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit PDF.



3 Visit [identitytheft.gov](https://www.irs.gov/identitytheft) for steps you should take right away to protect yourself and your financial accounts.



4 See Identity Theft Victim Assistance: How It Works for more information about how the IRS can help you.

If you previously contacted the IRS and did not have a resolution, contact the IRS for specialized assistance at 800-908-4490. We have teams standing by to help you.



Fraudulent Returns

If you believe someone has filed a fraudulent return in your name, you can get a copy of the return. See [Instructions for Requesting a Copy of Fraudulent Returns](#).



Dependents

If you e-file your tax return and get a message telling you that a dependent on your return has been claimed on another tax return or their own, or if you receive an IRS Notice CP87A, you'll need to find out why someone else claimed your dependent.

Learn more at [What to Do When Someone Fraudulently Claims Your Dependent](#).