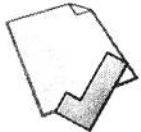


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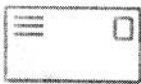
How can you protect your tax records?



**Check** your credit report once every 12 months.



**Review** your bank statements and credit card bills often.

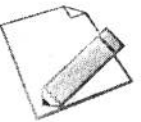


**Request** a copy of your credit report from [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free 877.322.8228 or complete the Annual Credit Report Request form and mail it to:

**Annual Credit Report  
Request Service  
P.O. Box 105281  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5281**



**Report** incidents of Identity Theft to the Federal Trade Commission.



**File** an affidavit with the Federal Trade Commission if you have been a victim of identity theft. Also make a report to your local police and the three major credit bureaus.



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**Secure** personal information in your home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having work done in your home.



**Don't** give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or on the Internet unless you've initiated the contact or you are sure you know who you're dealing with.



**Protect** your Social Security number.

**Protect** personal computers: use firewalls, anti spam and virus software and update security patches.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft, but you believe you may be at risk due to a lost/stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, etc contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490.

***Remember, the IRS does not request sensitive information by e-mail.***

## **Resources:**

- **IRS.gov, keyword Identity Theft**
- **FTC.gov/Identity Theft**



**Do your part to  
secure your identity.**