

TAX TIPS

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Identity Theft

is a huge problem for you - and for the IRS. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, Social Security number (SSN) or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

For your taxes, someone (known in IRS lingo as an identity thief) uses a legitimate taxpayer's identity to fraudulently file a tax return and claim a refund. Generally, the identity thief will use a stolen SSN to create bogus W-2 forms, file a forged tax return and attempt to get a fraudulent refund **early** in the filing season.

You may be unaware that this has happened until you file your return **later** in the filing season and discover that two returns have been filed using the same SSN.

The IRS tracks Social Security numbers and statements of income, especially W-2 forms. They will reject your efile if there is a duplicate Social Security numbered return on file and then send you a letter requesting more information.

STRAUSS TAX SERVICE will prepare your 2013 tax return - the earlier the better, answer your many questions for 2014, keep your tax records secured and confidential, and work with you and the IRS if there is an issue with identity theft. We are located at **624 62nd Street, Downers Grove** and are open from **9 AM - 9 PM daily**.

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