Practitioner Data Breach Resources

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Protect Your Clients: Protect Yourself

Stay on top of the latest information from the IRS and its Security Summit partners with news releases, fact sheets and tips on security, scams and identity theft prevention aimed at tax professionals, with steps to take to protect business and client data.

IRS Warns of a New Wave of Attacks Focused on Tax Professionals

News release by the Internal Revenue Service warned tax professionals of a new wave of attacks that allow identity thieves to file fraudulent tax returns by remotely taking over practitioners' computers.

Tax Professionals: Monitor Your PTIN for Suspicious Activity

IRS Security Awareness Tax Tip 2016-11: Tax preparers can help protect clients and their businesses from identity theft by checking their PTIN Accounts to ensure the number of returns filed using their identification number matches IRS records.

Publication 4557 - Safeguarding Taxpayer Data

A guide to help non-governmental businesses, organizations and individuals, who handle taxpayer data, understand and meet their responsibility to safeguard this information.

Webinar - Protect your clients; Protect yourself from data theft

Increase awareness of legal requirements and best practices to better protect taxpayer information. Includes steps a tax professional should take if they suffer a loss of taxpayer data.



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Issue Management Resolution System (IMRS): IMRS is an internal IRS system that captures, develops and responds to significant national and local stakeholder issues. When stakeholders notify the IRS of concerns about systemic problems or IRS policies, practices and procedures, analysts research and respond to the issues. For additional information, see link to <u>IMRS</u>. Tax professionals should forward significant issues regarding IRS policies, practices and issues to their <u>Stakeholder Liaison (SL) Local Contacts</u>.

You may prefer to share ideas for reducing taxpayer burden directly with the Taxpayer Burden Reduction (TBR) Program using Form 13285A, Reducing Tax Burden on America's Taxpayers