

Tax Return Identity Theft Procedures

1. Contact Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 to verify the info they have for you.
2. Call the irs identity theft hotline at 1-800-908-4490 (M-F 7am to 7pm) to verify if a return was filed using your social security number and follow any suggestions they make.
3. Verify address with irs. File form 8822 - Change of Address to update irs's records if needed.
4. File form 14039: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf.
5. Consider requesting copy of the fraudulent return with Form 4506. There is a fee to obtain an actual copy of a tax return but you can request a transcript of the return for free.
6. Contact your financial institutions and credit card companies to inform them of the situation and take appropriate action to safeguard your accounts.
7. Contact the three credit bureaus to place a fraud alert and get free copies of credit reports. Consider putting a freeze on your credit. Ask them to explain what your various options are.
 - Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 or <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>
 - Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289 or <http://www.transunion.com/personal-credit/credit-disputes/fraud-alerts.page>
 - Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or <https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>
8. Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts that you cannot explain.
9. Contact the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/> or 1-877-438-4338
10. File police report with local law enforcement. Most likely the local police won't do anything about this, but it's probably a good idea to file a report.
11. For more detailed info, see <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0009-taking-charge.pdf> & <https://identitytheft.gov/>.

