

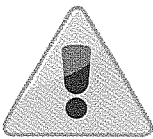
# Security Awareness and Identity Theft



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.**