

CYBER SECURITY AND YOU

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QUICK TIP:

When looking at an email address or a link to a web site in an email, be sure to hover over the link BEFORE you click on it! You will see the real address that you are about to use in the lower left-hand corner of your window. If it looks different from what you were expecting, DO NOT click it! It is most likely someone trying to trick you. When in doubt, DO NOT do it!



[Visit IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identitytheft)

Get the federal government's one-stop resource to help you report and recover from identity theft. Get step-by-step advice, sample letters, and other helpful resources. Recovering from identity theft is easier with a plan and [identitytheft.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identitytheft) can help you.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN

The IRS is trying to help us stay safe and avoid fraud this year. Here are some of their recommendations:

Use security software (like AntiVirus and Firewall) to keep your PC safe and make sure the software updates itself.

Evaluate the companies you use and never enter personal data on a site unless it starts with <https://> and they should require long, strong passwords.

Never trust emails from the IRS (they will never email you nor call you unexpectedly). Go directly to their site (<https://www.irs.gov/>) to get email addresses or phone numbers. Do not trust the contact information in the email even if it looks legitimate.

Never open email attachments unless you are certain who they are from and what they contain.

Use Pop-up blockers (most browsers have them built in now).

Make sure everyone who uses your PC knows how to be safe online.

Unfortunately, there is no way to guarantee that you will not be a victim of online identity theft.

HAS YOUR IDENTITY BEEN STOLEN?

Watch out for these things:

- Unusual or unexplainable charges on your bills.
- Phone calls or bills for accounts, products, or services that you do not have.
- Failure to receive regular bills or mail.
- New, strange accounts appearing on your credit report.
- Unexpected denial of your credit card.