

FRAUD PROTECTION

Identity Theft

IRS [Identity Protection](#)

The IRS has taken numerous steps to combat identity theft and protect taxpayers. We are continually looking at ways to increase data security and protect taxpayers' identities with assistance from our Identity Protection Specialized Unit.

OnGuard.gov [Identity Theft](#)

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name, your Social Security number, or some other personal, financial, or medical information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

FTC [Identity Theft](#)

Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission. It's a serious crime that can wreak havoc with your finances, credit history, and reputation — and can take time, money, and patience to resolve.

FTC [How to Keep Your Personal Information Secure](#)

There are four main ways to protect your personal information: know who you share information with; store and dispose of your personal information securely; ask questions before deciding to share your personal information; and maintain appropriate security on your computers and other electronic devices.

Datasecurity [Guarding Personal Information in the Workplace](#)

It is a common practice for a company to store personal or private information in its files.

Investment Fraud

[U.S. Government Common Scams and Frauds](#)

Find information on common scams and frauds like Census, Charity, Financial, Lottery, Pyramid Schemes, and Tax-Related Identity Theft.

SEC [Investment Scams](#)

Affinity fraud refers to investment scams that prey upon members of identifiable groups, such as religious or ethnic communities, the elderly, or professional groups.

Journal of Accountancy [How to Prevent Investment Adviser Fraud](#)

An article explaining the current legal framework defining fraudulent conduct and what an investment adviser firm can do to avoid accusations of fraud.

Protecting Small Business From Fraud

INC.com [How to Protect Your Business Against Fraud](#)

Here's some advice on protecting your company and instituting a policy to prevent external (and internal) theft.

WebCPA [Protecting Businesses From Fraud](#)

Considering the difficulty of fraud detection and the ever-increasing risks in the current economy, as a first step, a company should assess its current anti-fraud program.

Computer, Internet and Phone Fraud

Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute [Computer and Internet Fraud](#)

Federal law defines computer fraud as the use of a computer to create a dishonest misrepresentation of fact as an attempt to induce another to do or refrain from doing something which causes loss.

SafeInternet.org [Online Fraud](#)

Online Fraud is defined as any form of fraud scheme that makes use of emails, websites, chat rooms, or message boards to either present fraudulent solicitation to potential victims, conduct fraudulent transactions, or transmit the proceeds of any fraud to a financial institution or to another party involved in the fraud scheme.

FBI.gov [Internet Fraud](#)

Tips to protect yourself and your family from various forms of Internet fraud.

Fraud.org [Fraud Against Older Adults](#)

Fraudulent telemarketers rob people every day, using phones as their weapons and targeting seniors because they are generally too polite to hang up.