

Problem: How can I protect my identity from fraudulent tax return filings?

Solution: Protect your identity, get an IRS Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) today!

Steps to take:

1. Search "Create IRS PIN number" or URL: <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>
2. Click on "Get an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)".
3. Click on "Get an IP PIN".
4. Click "Create an account".
5. Enter an Email and Password and click "Create an ID.me account" then click Continue.
6. Confirm your email by going into your inbox and selecting "Confirm Email".
7. Choose an option for a multi-factor authentication, if by phone enter in number and select text or call and click Continue.
8. Enter code and click Continue twice.
9. Choose "Self-Service, click Continue" and check the box before hitting Continue again.
10. Choose "Take photo" and click Continue.
11. Using the link sent to your phone submit photos of your ID and complete the self-portrait (you must pass Identity Verification).
12. Back on your computer enter your Social Security Number and click Continue.
13. Make sure your information is all correct, then check the box and click Yes and then click Allow.

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14. Verify your email on your phone by hitting Continue in the email ID.me sent to you.
15. Return to <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin>
16. Click “Get an IP PIN” then click Continue.
17. On the top it should read “Congratulations, your 2022 Identity Protection PIN is: XXXXXX”.
18. Your IP PIN is the 6-digits in green (save and give to your CPA).

NOTE: IP PIN is only valid for one year! You must get a new IP PIN every tax season!

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