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TAX TIP TUESDAY

Talk to Your Family about Security Online and at Home

IRS Tax Tip #5

For families with children and aging parents, it's important to make sure everyone guards their personal information online and at home.

It may be time for "the conversation."

Especially in families that use the same computer, students should be warned against turning off security software in use or opening suspicious emails. They should be instructed to never click on embedded links or download attachments of emails from unknown sources. Actions by one computer user could infect the machine for all users.

Kids should be warned against oversharing personal information on social media. Oversharing home addresses, a new family car or a parent's new job gives identity thieves a window into an extra bit of information they need to impersonate you.

Aging parents are also prime targets for identity thieves. If they are browsing the internet, they may need the same conversation about online security, avoiding spam email schemes and oversharing on social media.

They may need assistance for someone to routinely review charges to their credit cards, withdrawals from their financial accounts. Unused credit cards should be canceled. An annual review should be made of their credit reports at annualcreditreport.com to ensure no new

accounts are being opened by thieves, and reviewing the [Social Security Administration account](#) to ensure no excessive income is accruing to their account.

Seniors are especially vulnerable to scam calls and pressure from fraudsters posing as legitimate organizations, including the Internal Revenue Service, and demanding payment for debts not owed. The IRS will never make threats of lawsuit or jail or demand that a certain payment method, such as a debit card, be made.

Fraudsters will try to trick seniors, telling them they have won a grand prize in a contest or that a relative needs money - anything to persuade a person to give up personal information such as their Social Security Number or financial account information.

Some simple steps - and a conversation - can help the young and old avoid identity theft schemes and scammers.

*Information provided by the IRS

APPROVED: IL15-22

IL15-22 concerning Angel Investor Credit - December 31 Application Deadline (Income Tax) has been approved and issued: [View/Download IL15-22 here](#).

NOTICE: OFFICES CLOSED

SCDOR offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24, through Monday, December 28, in observance of Christmas. We will resume normal business hours (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

Our offices will also be closed on Friday, January 1, 2016, in observance of New Year's Day. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Happy Holidays!

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January 14 - Basic Corporate Tax Workshop

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February 17 - Sales Tax Forms Workshop

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