



## **Small businesses are at risk**

- **70% of cyberattacks on businesses with 100 or fewer employees**
- **Review and implement recommendations from the Federal Trade Commission**
- **“Cybersecurity for Small Business” at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov)**





## **Businesses may become victims of tax-related ID Theft**

- **COVID-19 scams**
- **Phishing email scams**
- **Fraudsters may file a false business tax return or false employment tax return**





## **W-2 scam**

- **Thief poses as high-ranking company executive**
- **Thief asks for list of employees and W-2s**
- **Special reporting procedure at “Identity Theft Central” Business section.**





# Identity Theft Central

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Tax-related identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information to commit tax fraud. Your taxes can be affected if your Social Security number is used to file a fraudulent return or to claim a refund or credit.

### Information for Individuals

#### [Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft](#)

Know the signs of identity theft, take action if you are a victim and protect your data and identity.

#### [Taxes. Security. Together.](#)

We all have a role to play in protecting your data.

### Information for

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### How We Combat Identity Theft

#### [Security Summit](#)

The IRS, state tax agencies and private industry partner to detect, prevent and deter tax-related identity theft and fraud.

#### [Phishing and Online Scams](#)

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.



**IRS Commissioner Urges Taxpayers to Protect Their Data**



**Avoid Phishing Emails**



**Easy Steps to Protect**



## Recap

- **Visit [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov) for resources to keep small businesses safe from cyber threats.**
- **Beware of phishing scams.**
- **Businesses can be victims of tax-related identity theft. They should file Form 14039-B.**

