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Identity Theft Awareness Week – January 29-February 2, 2024

Tips and Resource Links to Avoid Scams and Protect Your Data ftc.gov/IDTheftweek

Thank you for picking up this flyer to learn more about identity theft and the common techniques used by scammers to steal your sensitive information. We live in an age of rapidly evolving technology, enabling many of us to conduct our personal and professional business on the internet through our mobile devices. While this level of digital connectivity may be convenient, it unfortunately also creates opportunities for scammers, hackers and identity thieves to commit cybercrime. In 2022 alone, the Federal Trade Commission received over 1.1 million reports of identity theft.

Resources: consumer.ftc.gov/features/identity-theft, ftccomplaintassistant.gov, consumer.ftc.gov



IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCES

Prevention Resources and How to Report Identify Theft identitytheft.gov and ftc.gov/idtheft
Taxpayers Guide to Identify Theft
irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft
Military Personnel & Families: What to Know,
What to Do, Add Alerts

consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0273-active-duty-alerts

Identity Theft First Aid oag.ca.gov/idtheft/first-aid

COMMON IDENTITY THEFT METHODS

IRS Tax Scams/Consumer Alerts <u>irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts</u> Common Scams

<u>oag.ca.gov/consumers/common-scams</u> Employment-Related Identity Theft

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PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESS DATA

Data Breach Response: A Guide for Business

<u>ftc.gov/data-breach-resources</u>

Cybersecurity and Your Small Business

<u>ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/small-businesses</u>

Identity Theft Information for Businesses

irs.gov/newsroom/identity-theft-information-for-businesses

Check your credit report at least annually, find out how to get your <u>free</u> annual credit report at:

<u>consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</u> or call 1-877-322-8228

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXgMLpc7ivE</u>

Questions? 1-877-FTC-HELP or file a complaint at ftc.gov/complaint