

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF FINANCIAL FRAUD

IRS ID Theft Unit
1-800-908-4490

Taxpayer Advocate
1-877-777-4778

Tax Fraud Referral Hotline
1-800-829-0433

Federal Trade Commission
1-877-FTC-HELP
www.ftc.gov

To report consumer complaints and business fraud.

Office for Victims of Crime
1-888-400-5530
www.ovc.gov

Provides resources and phone numbers for individuals.

Identity Theft Resource Center
1-888-400-5530
www.idtheftcenter.org

Provides resources for victims of identity theft.

Eldercare Locator
1-800-677-1116
www.eldercare.gov

Provides resources to assist elderly persons.

National Organization for Victim Assistance
1-800-879-6682
www.try-nova.org

Provides resources & phone numbers for individuals.

United States Postal Inspection Service
1-877-876-2455
<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>
To report postal fraud.

Social Security Administration OIG
1-800-269-0271
www.ssa.gov/oig

To report social security number fraud.

Telemarketing Lists

To have your name removed from telemarketing phone lists:

Go to The **DO NOT CALL** registry web page:
<https://www.donotcall.gov>

Click on **REGISTER NOW**.
Fill in the information requested.
Click on **SUBMIT**

OR: Call 1-888-382-1222

YOU MUST CALL FROM THE PHONE YOU WISH TO REGISTER.

Registration is free. Registration is for home and cell phone numbers only.

Important Contact Numbers:

IRS-Criminal Investigation
Victim/Witness Coordinator

Name _____

Phone _____



Criminal Investigation

VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE





Information for Victims and Witnesses of Crimes

As a Federal law enforcement agency, IRS-Criminal Investigation is concerned about the problems often experienced by victims and witnesses of crime. We know that as a victim or witness you may experience anger, confusion, frustration or fear as a result of your experience.

This brochure provides information that will help you deal with the problems and questions that often surface during an investigation. We have included a description of victims' rights under Federal law, as well as information and services available to you as a victim and/or witness. We encourage you to contact the IRS-Criminal Investigation Victim/Witness Coordinator if you have any questions. The coordinator's name and number are on the back of this brochure.

We know the days and months ahead may be difficult for you and your family. We hope the resources described in this brochure can help you. At the same time, we need your cooperation throughout the investigation.

If you are threatened or harassed

If anyone threatens you, or you feel that you are being harassed because of your cooperation with the investigation, contact your IRS-Criminal Investigation Victim/Witness Coordinator immediately. They are available to discuss additional protective measures, which can be taken, if necessary.

If your property is stolen

If your property was stolen, we hope to recover it as part of our investigation. If we do, we will notify you and make every effort to see that it is returned.

If you need financial help or support services

States have crime victim compensation programs to help cover some expenses resulting from violent crimes. Your state program may pay for medical health care costs, lost wages and support, and funeral and burial expenses not covered by insurance or other benefits. The Victim/Witness Coordinator can put you in contact with state programs to find out if you are eligible for benefits.

What can I do about my financial loss?

The first thing you should do is collect and save all paperwork that directly relates to your loss. Some losses are tax deductible. Because tax laws are complicated, consult a qualified tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service to see if your losses qualify.

Your rights as a victim

As a Federal crime victim you have the following rights:

- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender.
- The right to be notified of court proceedings.
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that your testimony would be materially affected if you heard other testimony at trial.
- The right to be heard at any public court proceeding.
- The right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case.
- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy.
- The right to restitution.
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.

