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NEW! Tax Videos

This year is a particularly challenging tax season as a result of the tax overhaul which affects 2018 taxes.

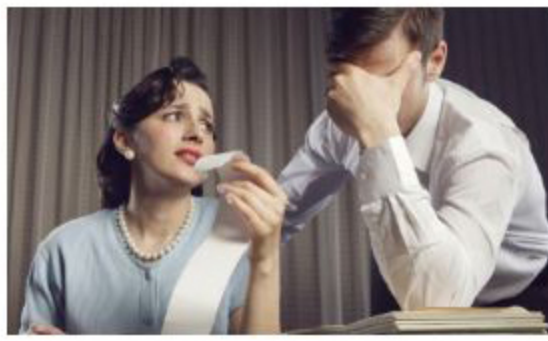
Our videos help explain this for you. Also...some are specific to life & business circumstances like getting married, having a baby, etc.



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If tax debt goes ignored, interest and penalties will continue to accumulate and put you at risk of receiving a bank levy, wage garnishment or having assets seized and sold at auction. The IRS has the legal right to take any of these actions if a tax debt cannot be collected.



For over 30 years now, Crabb Tax Services offers I.R.S. tax relief assistance. We can protect you, prevent these devastating actions and help you resolve your tax problems.

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This month from Crabb Tax Services:



[Surprise, no tax refund for you! What not to do if you owe the IRS.](#)

This is turning out to be a difficult year for a lot of taxpayers.

Major tax law changes that took effect last year are impacting people's beloved refunds. The Internal Revenue Service reported that, as of Feb. 1, refunds are down 8.4 percent. The average refund was \$1,865, compared with \$2,035 for the same period a year ago. [...read more](#)



[5 Personal Finance Podcasts Actually Worth Your Time Investment](#)

Sometimes just thinking about money is overwhelming. With questions about investing, paying off loans, saving for the future, dealing with unexpected expenses and budgeting for fun ones constantly swirling through your head, it can be tempting to shut all those thoughts down and "deal with it later." But of course, that won't help much in the long run...[read more](#)



[Should You Pay Your Tax Bill With a Credit Card?](#)

Most Americans end up getting a tax refund each year, but if you underpay your taxes, whether intentionally or not, you'll wind up in the opposite scenario — owing the IRS money. This is especially likely to happen if you earned a lot of secondary income from a side job or investments. [...read more](#)



[How to Cope With Tax-Time Stress](#)

Experts explain ways to avoid the emotional storms of tax season.

Spring is the season when the cherry trees and cottonwoods bloom. For Barbara Halpern, spring is also r more. Accompanying those long work hours are the colds, migraines, dizziness, and weight swings that plague [...read more](#)

TAX CHUCKLE:

"Where do tax inspectors go to get away from irate taxpayers" (A Tax Shelter)

IRS TAX TIP:

Taxpayers can minimize the effects of data theft with these steps.



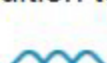
IRS Tax Reform Tax Tip 2019-16, February 28, 2019

Every day, the theft of personal and financial information puts people at risk of additional problems. Thieves often use the stolen data as quickly as possible to:

- Sell the information to other criminals.
- Withdraw money from a bank account.
- Make credit card purchases.
- File a fraudulent tax return for a refund using a victim's name.

Victims of a data loss should follow these steps to minimize the effect of the theft:

- **Determine what information the thieves compromised.** This may include emails and passwords or more sensitive data, such as name and Social Security number.
- **Take advantage of credit monitoring services.** When an organization or company is affected by a data theft, they will often offer these services.
- **Place a freeze on credit accounts.** This will prevent the thieves getting access to a victim's credit records. There may be a fee to place a freeze on an account, and it varies by state. At a minimum, victims should place a fraud alert on their credit accounts by contacting one of the three major credit bureaus. A fraud alert isn't as secure as a freeze, but it's free.
- **Reset passwords on online accounts.** This includes financial sites, email accounts and social media accounts. People should use different passwords for each account. If possible, users should create passwords that are at least 10-digit passwords. People should mix letters, numbers and special characters when possible. Victims should consider using a password manager or app.
- **Use multi-factor authentication if available.** Some financial institutions, email providers and social media sites allow users to set their accounts for multi-factor authentication. This requires a security code, usually sent as a text to their mobile phone, in addition to a username and password.



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