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Good Morning

This weeks Tech Tip is, "Protecting yourself and loved ones with an IRS PIN."

A few years back, a bad actor falsely filed a tax return impersonating my wife, Jen. We realized that this was done when we filed our REAL tax return, and the IRS rejected it. Extensive work was needed (with much assistance from our Accountant) to resolve the issue. We did not receive our tax return until the end of the summer. Since this incident, we have been using a Tax PIN / Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS.

This next segment is from the IRS website detailing the IP PIN:

An Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) is a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS. It helps us verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. Even though you may not have a filing requirement, an IP PIN still protects your account.

If you are a confirmed victim of tax-related identity theft and we have resolved your tax account issues, we'll mail you a [CP01A Notice](#) with your new IP PIN each year.

If you don't already have an IP PIN, you may get an IP PIN as a proactive step to protect yourself from tax-related identity theft.

If you want to request an IP PIN, please note:

- You must pass an identity verification process.
- Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can pass the identity verification process.

[Use this LINK to access the IRS web Page on IP PINS](#)

[Use this LINK to GET an IP PIN](#)

Be well

Joe