



HAMILTON COUNTY COALITION to **STOP** FRAUD, SCAMS & ABUSE



As you prepare to file your taxes, be on the look out for

TAX SCAMS!



TIPS for avoiding tax preparation scams, from the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Unit

- Be cautious of tax preparers who claim they can get **larger refunds** than other preparers.
- Avoid preparers who base their fee on a **percentage of the refund**.
- Use a reputable tax professional who signs the tax return, and provides you a copy.
- Consider whether the individual or firm will be around to answer questions about the preparation of the tax return **months, or even years**, after the return has been filed.
- Check the preparer's credentials.** Only attorneys, certified public accountants (CPAs) and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in matters including audits, collections and appeals.
- Find out if the preparer is affiliated with a **professional organization** that provides its members with continuing educational resources and holds them to a code of ethics.
- Ask friends and family whether they know anyone who has used the tax preparer before, and whether they were satisfied with the service they received.

***REMEMBER:** The taxpayer is ultimately responsible for the accuracy of all information on the return, even if someone else prepares it. Individuals with fraudulent tax returns can face significant prison time as well as payment of back taxes with interest and penalties.

REPORT suspected tax fraud activity:

1. Contact **Special Agent Doug Ryan** in the Cincinnati office of the IRS Criminal Investigation Unit at **(513) 263-3333**.
2. Report fraud to the IRS by using **Form 3949-A, Information Referral**, found online at www.irs.gov. Whistleblowers may also provide allegations of fraud to the IRS, using **Form 211, Application for Award of Original Information**, and may be eligible for a reward.

For more information about tax scams and several other types of consumer fraud, identity theft and scams, please visit The Hamilton County Coalition to Stop Fraud, Scams & Abuse at

www.hamilton-co.org/fraud.

Free Tax Prep. Fast Refund.

Do you qualify for the EITC?

No Children:

Income maximum is less than \$13,660 (S, HH, QW) or \$18,740 (MJ); credit maximum is **\$464**

One Child:

Income maximum is less than \$36,052 (S, HH, QW) or \$41,132 (MJ); credit maximum is **\$3,094**

Two Children:

Income maximum is less than \$40,964 (S, HH, QW) or \$46,044 (MJ); credit maximum is **\$5,112**

Three Children:

Income maximum is less than \$43,998 (S, HH, QW) or \$49,078 (MJ); credit maximum is **\$5,751**

Investment income must be **\$3,150 or less for the year**



What to Bring.

- Valid picture I.D.
- Social Security card(s) for you, your spouse, children, and any others shown on the tax return
- A copy of last year's tax return is helpful but not required
- Copies of ALL W-2s, 1098s, 1099s, Social Security statement, and the amount of other income received by you, and your spouse if applicable
- Form 8332 for non-custodial parent claiming child
- Child/Dependent Care provider's tax number, if applicable
- Student loan interest/college tuition expenses paid
- For direct deposit, bring bank account number and routing transit number – a copy of a voided check
- Additional documentation to claim possible tax credits, such as the first-time homebuyer credit

Where to Bring Them.

Hamilton County

Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency
1740 Langdon Farm Rd.

Elder High School
4005 Glenway Ave.

Harrison Community Center
300 George St.

The Healing Center
11345 Century Circle West

Lincoln Heights Elementary School
1113 Adams St.

Madisonville Community Center
5320 Stewart Rd.

Mercy Franciscan at St. John
1800 Logan St.

Millvale Community Center
3303 Beekman St.

North Avondale Recreation Center
617 Clinton Springs

Northminster Presbyterian Church
703 Compton Rd.

SmartMoney Community Services
19 West Elder

Urban League of Greater Cincinnati
3458 Reading Rd.

Xavier University Cintas Center
1624 Herald Ave.

Butler County

Fairfield:
Workforce One of Butler County
4631 Dixie Hwy.

Hamilton:
Butler County United Way
323 N. Third St.

Booker T. Washington Community Center
1140 S. Front St.

Middletown:
Middletown Community Center
800 Lafayette Ave.

Oxford:
Family Resource Center
5445 College Corner Pike

West Chester:
Faith Community United Methodist Church
8230 Cox Rd.

Clermont County

Clermont County Community Services
3003 Hospital Dr.

Workforce One of Clermont County
756 Old State Rte. 74

Indiana

Lawrenceburg:
Ivy Tech
50 Walnut St.

Northern Kentucky

Carrollton:
NKY Community Action Commission
1302 Highland Ave.

Covington:
Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington
1650 Russell St.

Erlanger:
Centro de Amistad
947 Donaldson Rd.

Falmouth:
NKY Community Action Commission
311 Park St.

Florence:
NKY Community Action Commission
7938 Tanners Gate

One Stop – Brighton Center
8020 Veterans Memorial Dr.
St. Paul's School
7303 Dixie Hwy.

Newport:
Center for Employment Training (CET)
601 Washington Ave., Ste. 140

Owenton:
NKY Community Action Commission
109 South Madison

Warsaw:
NKY Community Action Commission
432 W. Main St.

Williamstown:
NKY Community Action Commission
134 N. Main St.

One Stop – Grant County
101 N. Main St., Rm. 305

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