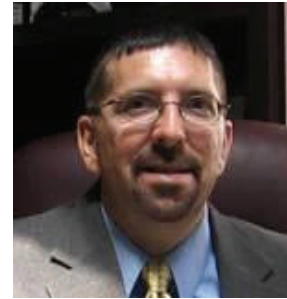


IRS ADDRESSES IDENTITY THEFT

The IRS has been seeing cases where stolen social security numbers are used for employment and other purposes. Income is then reported to the IRS as being earned under that stolen number. The unaware taxpayers receive correspondence and bills for unreported income. Stolen wallets, pocket-books, going through trash, callers posing as someone on the phone that needs your information or your information placed on unsecured web sites are most probable causes. **The IRS never initiates contact by e-mail.** If you receive scam e-mail or suspect fraud, forward it to: phishing@irs.gov



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WE ALL GET AN EXTENTION TO FILE IN 2011

Tax filing deadline for individual tax returns was recently announced. We here in Massachusetts once again get some additional "bonus" days to file our 2010 Tax Returns. Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia falls on Friday, April 15th. Patriots Day, a legal holiday in Massachusetts falls on Monday, April 18th. Therefore, we have till Tuesday, April 19th to file timely.

NEW LEGISLATION EFFECTS ALL TAX PREPARERS

The Internal Revenue Service has instituted a new oversight program that becomes effective January 1, 2011. The main objective is regulatory towards **all** tax preparers. Whether an Attorney, Enrolled Agent or CPA (such as myself), we are now required to register for this program. The provisions of the program are various, mostly based to protect you, the taxpayer. If by chance you hear any rumblings about this in your conversations, rest assured that my office is ready and in full compliance. Also, please keep in mind that if you have an opportunity to speak with any acquaintances who might have uncertainties or questions about their current paid tax preparer, we would be happy to accommodate them.

THIS OFFICE NOW OFFERS LIFELOCK

Through Money Concepts, we now have the ability to offer you identity theft protection through Life Lock (www.lifelock.com) at a discounted rate (starting at \$7.95/mo). This not only includes their advertised \$1,000,000.00 "Service Guarantee," but also includes free enhanced road side assistance (better than AAA), emergency travel assistance (when over 100 miles from home), and 9 free legal services per year (including a free simple will, with annual reviews for free). A great value even for the Life Lock protection alone.

Contact our office with any questions you may have.