

## **Internal Revenue Service Identity Theft PIN Number**

Have you been a victim of identity theft? In January 2011, the IRS will send out CPO1A notices to taxpayers who have been validated as being victims of identity theft that may affect the filing of their federal tax return. The purpose of the Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IPPIN) is to allow taxpayers who have been the victim of identity theft related to tax administration to avoid delays in having their federal tax returns filed and processed.

The notice will contain a single use 6-digit numerical IPPIN. The IPPIN will be applicable to the current tax year only. In order for the IPPIN to be accepted, all six digits must be input. Both the notice and the IPPIN will be auto-generated based on the taxpayer's validated account information.

A new CP01A Notice and IPPIN will be issued each subsequent year for as long as the taxpayer remains at risk for identity theft.

Due to publication deadlines, there will not be any boxes on the 2010 tax year Form 1040. For these returns, the CP01A will instruct the taxpayer to write the 6-digit IPPIN in the shaded area just to the right of the spouse's occupation

If a taxpayer has been the victim of identity theft and that theft has affected their federal income tax return, they should contact the Identity Protection Specialized Unit as 1-800-908-4490.