



Working Virtually: Protecting Tax Data at Home and at Work

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Use multi-factor authentication to protect accounts

Part 2 of Security Summit tips for tax professionals



Use multi-factor authentication options whenever possible to prevent identity thieves from gaining access to client accounts. Starting in 2021, all tax software providers will be required to offer multi-factor authentication options to their products.



A multi-factor or two-factor authentication offers an extra layer of protection for the username and password used by the tax professional. It often involves a security code sent via text.



Practitioners can download to their mobile phones readily available authentication apps offered through Google Play or the Apple Store. These apps will generate a security code. Use your search engine for “Authentication apps” to learn more.