Tax professionals should review their security protocols

As identity thieves continue targeting tax professionals, the IRS and the Summit partners urge practitioners to review the “Taxes-Security-Together” Checklist, including:

- **Deploy basic security measures.**
- **Use multi-factor authentication to protect tax software accounts.**
- **Create a Virtual Private Network if working remotely.**
- **Create a written data security plan as required by federal law.**
- **Know about phishing and phone scams, especially related to Electronic Filing Identification Numbers (EFINs), COVID-19 related tax-law changes, including Economic Impact Payments.**
- **Create data security and data theft recovery plans.**