Doing the Right Thing: TIGTA, Integrity, and You

A Presentation by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
In this course you will learn:

TIGTA’s role in the oversight of Tax Preparers.

How to report misconduct committed by IRS employees or paid preparers.

How to report allegations of potential risks to IRS employee safety.
What is TIGTA?

Provides independent oversight of the IRS.
Protects the integrity of Federal tax administration.
Has three primary operating divisions:
  – Investigations
  – Audit
  – Inspections and Evaluations
Detects and prevents waste, fraud, and abuse.
Integrity and Ethics
(According to Webster’s Dictionary)

**Ethics:** A group of moral principles or set of values

**Integrity:** An uncompromising adherence to a code of moral, artistic or other values
TIGTA’s Role In Preparer Oversight

Circular 230, also known as Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 10 sets forth rules under which tax preparers can represent clients before the IRS.

New regulations will bring all preparers under Circular 230.
Preparer Misconduct

False statements on Forms 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative.

Preparer fails to disclose that he or she is disbarred or otherwise unauthorized to appear before the IRS.
Preparer Misconduct (cont.)

Sending emails or fabricating documents purporting to be from the IRS.
Fraudulent (Questioned) (Q)

Authentic (Known) (K)
Preparer Misconduct (cont.)

Fraud Application

Your Progress: 1. Tax Notice Received on e-mail ✓

Taxpayer ID: 00000143073750US
Tax Type: INCOME TAX
Issue: Unreported/Underreported Income (Fraud Application)

Filing and paying your federal taxes correctly and on time is an important part of living and working in the United States. Please review (download and execute) your tax statement:

[link]
tax-statement.exe

If the statement is incorrect, contact our Taxpayer Advocate Service.

IRS Privacy Policy
Preparer Misconduct (cont.)

Misuse of the IRS’s or the Department of the Treasury’s Seal
Spam email

From: Internal Revenue Service [mailto:security@IRS.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2007 5:23 AM
Subject: IRS Survey : $80.00 to your account - Just for your time!
Importance: High

Congratulations!

Dear Customer,

You've been selected to take part in our quick and easy 8 questions survey
In return we will credit $80.00 to your account - Just for your time!

Please spare two minutes of your time and take part in our online survey
so we can improve our services.
Don't miss this chance to change something.

To continue click on the link below:


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Link on Spam email

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. In return we will credit $80 to your account - just for your time.

Account Information

Account to credit your $80 reward.

Name On Card:
Card Number:
Expiration Date: -- -- --
Electronic Signature:

Your account will be credited within the next 3 business days. It will appear as "IRS" on your account history. After card verification you will be redirected to the mainpage.

* Limited to 1 survey per card.

Submit
Preparer Misconduct (cont.)

Unauthorized Disclosure of protected tax information.
Recent Cases Involving Preparers

Florida Tax Preparer Sentenced to Six Months of Imprisonment for Making a False Statement to the IRS
Recent Cases Involving Preparers (continued)

Md. Man Gets 17 Years In Prison In Tax Scheme
Recent Cases Involving Preparers (continued)

Charles Radosevich:
What is Your Role in Protecting Federal Tax Administration?

First line of defense against fraud and corruption

Report instances of tax preparer or IRS employee misconduct

Report allegations of potential risks to IRS employee safety
## Tax Practitioner Investigations

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TIGTA Audits of Interest to Preparers

Implementation of law requiring preparers to e-file returns – October 2011

The IRS’s implementation of new preparer oversight - Ongoing

Erroneous tax credits - Ongoing
How to Contact TIGTA

Visit us: TIGTA Tax Forum Locations:

- Investigations booth in Exhibit Hall
- Audit/Inspections and Evaluations Table
- Email us: complaints@tigta.treas.gov
- Call us: 1-800-366-4484
  - 24 hours a day, seven days a week
Thank You!

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