

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS ON YOUR TAX RETURN?



Some tax preparers commit tax return fraud by changing the income on your tax return without your knowing.

Remember: You are responsible for what goes on your tax return even if someone else prepares your tax return!

Here are some tips to protect yourself:

1. Choose a tax preparer carefully!
2. Before you choose a preparer find out about his or her experience and qualifications.
3. Watch out for scams! Avoid preparers who base their fee on the amount of your refund.
4. Download an app on your phone to audio record your session with your preparer.
5. Make sure your preparer signs your tax return and included a PTIN (Preparer Tax Identification Number).
6. Get a complete copy of your tax return before you leave your tax preparer.
7. Do not give your original documents to the preparer! Keep copies of all documents you give your preparer.
8. Review your tax return before your preparer files it. If you have questions, ask your tax preparer. If you need assistance, bring someone who can go over it with you.
9. Filing incorrect tax returns can affect your food stamps, housing and benefits.

If you need legal assistance you may qualify for free legal assistance at:

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
(504) 529-1000
1010 Common St. Suite 1400A
New Orleans, LA 70112