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# Criminal Investigation Division

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# Questionable Return Detection Overview

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- We need your assistance to prevent the submission of “False Returns”
- Inflated Refunds
- Questionable (False) Returns
- “Considered Good Return Preparer” – big refunds generated



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- Adverse Impact of the “Good Return Preparer”
- Signals a flag for review
- Civil and Criminal Sanctions fall on the taxpayer and the tax preparer



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- Big Refund/Good Return Preparer
- Willful Neglect – taxpayer blindly signs return
- Preparer
  - Economic Reality
  - Due Diligence
  - Willful Blindness



# Areas of Concern

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- Domicile issues – DC residents not filing D40 return, with P.O. Box in states with no income tax
- Head of Household – limited to one per household
- Schedule A, Itemized Deductions
- Schedule C income (loss) to justify fraudulent EITC



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- Schedules E&R – Rental Loss
- Schedule C income loss to offset pension income
- Fraudulent W2s and 1099s
- Schedule H – Renters and Property Owners



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- Federal Pensions
- Filing Status of Taxpayers – Head of Household
- Dependents
- Electronic Returns – DC Withholding
- Rental Properties – Licenses or Lack of Business Tax Registration

# Tax Fraud Hotline

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- To make reports of fraud contact:
  
- Fraud Hotline
  - **Email:** [TaxFraudHotline@dc.gov](mailto:TaxFraudHotline@dc.gov)
  - **Phone:** (800) 380-3495
  - **Mail:** Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of Tax and Revenue  
Attn: Tax Fraud Hotline  
941 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 840  
Washington, DC 20002



# Questions

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- Any Questions?