

Seven Deadly Mistakes Most Taxpayers Make

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(Or “How to Avoid Triggering that Nasty Letter from the IRS”)

Everyone dreads getting that letter from the Internal Revenue Service. As soon as you see the return address, you know you’ll be spending hours trying to fix the problem.

First thing you must do is to figure out what the problem is. Reading a letter from the IRS can be like trying to assemble your child’s toy that was made in another country. **And the instructions are not written by a person whose first language is English.**

You first have to find out what tax year triggered the letter. Maybe it was your individual tax return from two years ago (and who can remember that far back?). If you own a business, you could be getting a letter about payroll tax returns (if you have employees) or your business tax return.

Now that you understand the content of the letter, perhaps the solution is simple. Your next step is to call the Internal Revenue Service to resolve the problem. This may or not be such an easy process. It depends on the experience of the IRS representative that answered the telephone. Of course, you will probably be on hold for quite a while before a representative actually picks up the telephone.

If you have to gather more information, the next time you call the IRS, you will not get the same representative on the telephone. Even though they have a record of the previous phone call, you will have to retell your story to the new Customer Representative. And hopefully, he or she will understand the problem and help to resolve it.

So before you file your tax return, you should review it to make sure it is correct and complete. Did you know that when you sign your tax return, you are declaring that **the information is true, correct and accurate under penalties of perjury???**

The following may help you avoid the problems that trigger IRS letters and save you grief later on:

1. **Enter the names and social security numbers for yourself, your spouse, your dependents, exactly as they appear on the social security cards.**

Bonus Mistake: Another tidbit of information that can save you headaches: If you are mailing your return, make a copy of the **signed return and all schedules** for your records. And mail your return, certified mail, return receipt requested. If the IRS for some reason doesn't receive your tax return, you will have **proof of mailing** and that they in fact have received it.

But of course when you go to KwicTax to have your taxes prepared, not only do I prepare your tax return right, but I also make sure you are getting **all the tax credits and deductions** you should, so **you pay less tax and get more money back**.

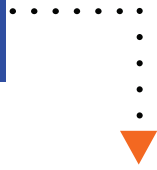
And we electronically file all Federal tax returns, so you don't have to worry about getting that nasty letter from IRS in June. E-file reduces most tax errors. But just because you e-file, doesn't mean you are paying the least amount of tax.

That's where I come in. You see, I go to tax updates all year round. I know the tax laws. I didn't take a crash course to learn this stuff. **I have been preparing tax returns for over 14 years!** And I am so confident in myself, that I offer my **"Peace of Mind" Money Back Guarantee**.

My personal guarantee is that I will prepare your tax return, and if you should get that nasty letter from the IRS, I will pay the penalties and interest (as long as you gave me all the information to prepare a correct and accurate return) and I will deal with the IRS so you won't have to.

We all make mistakes, one time or another. But when I prepare your return, I make sure it is right. I ask the questions most preparers don't. I ask to make sure you didn't forget to tell me about your income, about deductions you didn't know you are entitled to, or tax credits that will reduce your tax burden. **Remember, the IRS won't let you know if you overpaid your taxes, but they will let you know if they think you didn't pay enough.**

Preparing your own tax return is NOT a do-it-yourself project unless you fully understand the tax laws and how they apply to you. If you work in one state and live in another, you need to know the Federal tax laws, the state tax laws where you live AND the state tax laws of where you work. Tax software programs only can spit out the information you enter. **Can you be absolutely sure that you are correctly filing all your tax returns?** Without fully understanding how all the tax laws apply to you, it's really easy to overpay your taxes. **Can you be absolutely sure that you won't get**



that nasty letter from the IRS?

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Sincerely yours,

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