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## Recovering from Data Breaches



Are you affected by the recent [data breaches across the nation](#)? Did you shop at Target before the holidays? Are you a Snapchat, Skype, or T-Mobile subscriber? Data Breaches can have serious repercussions including identity theft. Consumers involved in data breaches should monitor their accounts and check that the information on their credit reports is accurate. For information on protecting yourself against Identity Theft and recovering if you are a victim, please visit the [Colorado Attorney General's Identity Theft Repair Kit](#). To order copies [click here](#). Consumers can get a free copy of their credit report each year at [AnnualCreditReport.com](#) or 1-877-322-8228. [For more information on protecting yourself from data breaches and identity theft click here.](#)

## Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week January 13-17, 2014



Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week is January 13-17, 2014. Tax identity theft happens when someone files a phony tax return using your personal information — like your Social Security number — to get a tax refund from the IRS. It also can happen when someone uses your Social Security number to get a job or claims your child as a dependent on a tax return. Tax identity theft is the most common form of identity theft reported to the Federal Trade Commission. The IRS says tax identity theft is a top priority and says it has hired new staff, explored new technologies, and adopted new procedures to fight it. [Click here to read more about Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week from the FTC.](#)

## FBI Warns Against Sweetheart Scams

Those looking for love on singles sites can fall victim to suitors who are actually scammers. Learn how fraudsters are pulling your heartstrings only to get to your purse strings, how to spot a scam, and what action to take if you're a victim. Mollie Halpern of the Bureau, interviews the assistant section chief of the Cyber Division, Nicolas B. Savage during "Inside the FBI". [Click Here to Listen.](#)



Sweetheart Scams

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## Avoid Super Bowl Ticket Scams with Tips from the BBB



Before you decide to make a trip to the 'Big Apple' to see Super Bowl XL VIII you must locate one of the sports world's hardest-to-find tickets! Before you jump online, be aware that scammers have their sights set on you. Consider these tips to avoid falling victim to ticket scams:

- Check out the seller/broker.
  - Know the difference between a ticket broker and a ticket scalper.
  - Check the ticket broker's refund policy.
  - Always use a credit card.
  - Check the seats out ahead of time.
  - Before your purchase make sure your browser is secure.
- [Click here to read more about these helpful tips from the BBB.](#)

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