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## **Electronic Filing is Encouraged This Tax Season**

The South Carolina Department of Revenue places the highest priority on safeguarding taxpayer information entrusted to it by all taxpayers. The electronic filing of tax returns with the Department has always been, and will remain, a safe, secure and efficient means of filing.

In light of the recent computer security breach, it is important to note that no data was lost in the transmission of tax information upon submission to or from the Department. Confidential information that was stored on the Department's computer servers was hacked into and then stolen in a criminal act.

Since this incident, measures have been taken to heighten the protection of confidential data so as to avoid future security compromises, and upon recommendations from cyber-security experts, additional security safeguards have been implemented and will continue to be further established in the future.

Taxpayers are safe and secure in filing their state tax returns electronically as it is the most efficient means of filing for taxpayers. If you've previously filed taxes electronically, you may be aware that with electronic filing derives advantages for the taxpayer including receiving a refund in a shorter amount of time as well as less opportunity for errors. Filing electronically benefits both the taxpayer and the Department.

Throughout the individual income tax filing season, information will be provided to the public as it is available. Our goal is to keep taxpayers informed and aware of any helpful information regarding the filing of tax returns and ensure to the public that filing electronically with the Department is secure. Current information that may be useful throughout the individual income tax season is available online at [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org) under the "Individual Income" link.