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The federal tax-filing deadline is just a few days away and millions of Americans will be busy this weekend preparing their taxes.

This week, I issued a Consumer Alert for those last-minute tax filers, warning them not to use public Wi-Fi when preparing or uploading sensitive information.

Hackers exploit vulnerabilities in public Wi-Fi to steal personal information through multiple schemes, but these schemes are usually avoidable if the correct precautions are taken.

Here are some tips to help protect your information online:

- Never use public Wi-Fi to file taxes or access apps that contain personal or financial information;
- Do not stay permanently logged in to accounts—even if an app is running in the background, a hacker could still access the information; and
- Use a cellular connection if accessing private information in public is necessary.

To report hacking or identity theft as a result of a public Wi-Fi scam, visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) or call (877) 438-4338.

By taking steps to safely prepare and file your taxes, you can avoid hackers and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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