

## Notice of Data Incident Regarding D'Angelo & Associates, APC

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, D'Angelo & Associates, APC encountered suspicious electronic activity in their tax program. They immediately contacted their local IT firm who disabled remote access. An investigation into the matter was commenced and that same day, D'Angelo & Associates, APC notified the IRS and Franchise Tax Board of the activity. D'Angelo & Associates, APC further notified the FBI, and hired a specialized forensic IT firm for additional investigation.

On April 24, 2017, the specialized forensic IT firm determined that there was unauthorized access to their system from a foreign IP address on or before March 25, 2017 through April 15, 2017. Unfortunately, the forensic IT firm cannot determine which files were accessed so D'Angelo & Associates, APC is notifying everyone whose information was accessible out of an abundance of caution.

If you are or were an individual D'Angelo & Associates, APC client, this information may have included your: name, date of birth, telephone number(s), address, Social Security number, all employment (W-2) information, 1099 information (including account number if provided to D'Angelo), and direct deposit bank account information (including account number and routing information if provided to D'Angelo).

If you are or were an entity D'Angelo & Associates, APC client, this information may have included your: company name, Federal Employer Identification Number, address, telephone number; and partner, shareholder/officer, or beneficiary names, addresses, and Social Security numbers.

If you were a partner, shareholder, or beneficiary of a partnership, company, or trust D'Angelo & Associates, APC performed work for, the information may have included your: first and last name, address, and Social Security number.

If you are not certain whether your information was on the D'Angelo & Associates' system, please call at **1-855-836-1353**, or write them at 2330 Albatross Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

Given the nature of the information potentially exposed, D'Angelo & Associates, APC strongly recommends the following steps be taken:

1. Change all bank account numbers provided to D'Angelo & Associates, APC, or at a minimum remain vigilant by reviewing account statements.
2. Establish and monitor free 90 day fraud alerts with the three credit reporting bureaus. Their telephone numbers and addresses are: Equifax (1-888-766-0008; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374), Experian (1-888-397-3742; P.O. Box 4500, Allen, TX 75013), and TransUnion (1-800-680-7289; P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022-2000).
3. Consider placing a credit freeze on your accounts. For more information: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0497-credit-freeze-faqs>

4. If you become a victim of identity theft, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at <https://identitytheft.gov>. The FTC also provides detailed and specific information about identity theft at their website, which you should review.

Lastly, you are entitled to a free credit report every year from the three credit bureaus at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) and one year of complimentary credit monitoring has been purchased for you should you be affected.

Protecting your information is incredibly important to D'Angelo & Associates, APC. In addition to the steps outlined above, D'Angelo & Associates, APC notified the FBI, the IRS, the FTB, all three consumer reporting bureaus, the applicable state agencies, and it is reviewing office policies and procedures. It also hired additional IT security experts, and will work with law enforcement in any investigation of the criminals. Again, if you are not certain whether your information was on the D'Angelo & Associates' system, please call at **1-855-836-1353**, or write them at 2330 Albatross Street, San Diego, CA 92101.