

## Tax Professionals Need a WISP

Okay, so this isn't really news; various government agencies, including IRS and FTC, have been mentioning this for a few years. It's time to make sure you have one. Many tax professionals have asked us where a sample WISP can be found. You can pay someone to create the WISP for a reasonable fee, and update it for a reasonable fee – OR you can create it yourself.

IRS Publication 5708, Creating a Written Information Security Plan [WISP] for your Tax & Accounting Practice, contains information as well as a sample. And it is free. The sample has places where it says to enter the company name, responsible person's name, etc., BUT it does not permit the entering directly into the document. Either you have to retype the document from the pdf or convert the document into a text program. We marked the text and copied it into Word and then we were able to fill in the company name, etc., as well as make any applicable changes we desired.

You can find this publication by going to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) and typing "WISP" in the Search box.

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