

How Can I Avoid Mistakes On My Tax Return?

Every year, about 15% of tax returns contain errors. Here are the common blunders—and how to avoid them:

Failure to submit a Social Security number or submitting an invalid one. Make sure that *all* the information you turn in is correct, *including* the Social Security numbers of your dependants.

A missing or incorrectly filled-in signature. *Both* spouses must sign a joint return. A parent filing on behalf of a minor must print the child's name, sign his or her *own name* and write "parent of a minor child" in the signature area.

Missing forms or schedules. Don't forget to attach Copy B of your employer's W-2 to your 1040.

If your return contains information for the previous year, it may be kicked back to you, too.

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