

# Checklist of Tips to Survive an IRS Audit

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:*

[The IRS Gears Up to Combat Crypto Tax Evasion](#)

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*Use the following checklist to help you through an IRS crypto audit.*

**Know Your Rights**

The IRS provides a [detailed guide to taxpayer rights](#) on its website and it's worth reading over these rights prior to any audit-related contact.

**Don't Lie to the IRS**

The IRS is capable of levying heavy fines and even jail time—especially when lying to an investigator. Know the fine line between what to say and what not to say.

**Seek Representation**

The IRS has a very high conviction rate when it comes to tax crimes. If you think you may be at risk, seek a tax attorney before initiating any contact.

**Come Organized**

Organize your files to quickly answer questions or request a postponement to make time to come prepared.

**Consider an Appeal**

You may appeal any case if you disagree with the auditor's findings, as long as you send a protest letter within 30 days.