

Special Alert: IRS Stepping Up Enforcement of Gift Tax Returns

Be aware!! The Internal Revenue Service has begun searching recorded real property deeds, many of which are available by internet, and checking to see if gift tax returns were filed to report transfers that appear to be gifts to family members.

The target period of the IRS currently is January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2010.

If a property appears to be deeded to a non-spouse family member, the IRS is beginning to conduct audits on the property transfers that were not reported on a gift tax return.

If you have been the grantor or recipient of a family gift, and you believe a gift tax return may need to be filed, please contact us. The good news is that most of the time no gift tax is even due. It's simply a matter of putting the IRS on notice and claiming the applicable tax exclusions and exemptions. And there are typically no penalties for filing a late gift tax return, as long as no gift tax is actually due with the return.

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