# Working as an IRS Employee with Disability and Unfair Treatment

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is a federal agency responsible for collecting taxes and enforcing tax laws. As a federal agency, the IRS is subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other laws that protect the rights of employees with disabilities.

Despite these laws, IRS employees with disabilities may still face discrimination, lack of accommodations, and unfair treatment. This article discusses the legal protections available to IRS employees with disabilities and provides tips for overcoming these challenges.



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**Legal Protections for IRS Employees with Disabilities** 

The ADA is a federal law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment, housing, public accommodations, transportation, and other areas. The ADA defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as walking, talking, seeing, hearing, or working.

Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in federal employment. Section 501 defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as walking, talking, seeing, hearing, or working.

These laws impose several obligations on employers, including:

- Prohibiting discrimination against employees with disabilities
- Providing reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities
- Creating an inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities

#### Common Challenges Faced by IRS Employees with Disabilities

Despite the legal protections available to IRS employees with disabilities, many employees still face discrimination, lack of accommodations, and unfair treatment. Some of the most common challenges faced by IRS employees with disabilities include:

- Negative attitudes and stereotypes about disabilities
- Lack of awareness of the legal protections available to employees with disabilities

- Supervisors who are not trained to work with employees with disabilities
- Inadequate accommodations
- Retaliation for requesting accommodations or complaining about discrimination

#### **Tips for Overcoming Challenges**

If you are an IRS employee with a disability and are facing discrimination, lack of accommodations, or unfair treatment, there are several things you can do to overcome these challenges:

- Educate yourself about your rights under the ADA and Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Request reasonable accommodations from your supervisor.
- Document any instances of discrimination, lack of accommodations, or unfair treatment.
- File an EEO complaint if you believe you have been discriminated against.

Working as an IRS employee with a disability can be challenging. However, there are several legal protections available to IRS employees with disabilities. By educating yourself about your rights and taking steps to overcome challenges, you can create a more inclusive and supportive work environment.

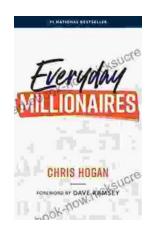
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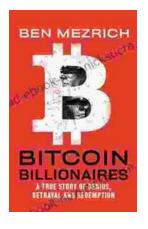
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