

Warning: scammers are pretending to be IRS representatives

Thieves are calling and emailing taxpayers using the IRS name, logo or a fake website.
They are trying to steal your money and your identity.

Be suspicious if:

- You receive a call or message from someone claiming to be from the IRS.
- Scammer says that you owe the IRS money and need to pay now.
- You are threatened with jail time or termination of your driver's license if you don't pay immediately.
- You are told that you are due a refund and scammers ask for your bank account information.

Email scams: Scammers often use fake refunds, phony tax bills, or threats of an audit. Some emails link to sham websites that look real.

- Do not type personal and financial information into these websites. The scammers will use your information to steal your money and your identity.
- Do not reply to the message and do not give out your personal or financial information.
- Forward the email to phishing@irs.gov. Then delete it.
- Do not open any attachments or click on any links. They may have malicious code that will infect your computer.

Do not fall for it and do not give up any of your personal information!

The real IRS will not:

- Call you to demand immediate payment.
- Call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- Demand tax payment without allowing you to question or appeal the amount you owe.

- Demand that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other agencies to arrest you without paying.
- Threaten you with a lawsuit.

What you should do: If you think you may owe taxes to the IRS, ask the caller for a callback number and employee badge number. **Again, do not give away any of your personal information.** Then, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to get more information.

Report Scammers:

- To the police, by filing a police report, especially if you fall victim to a scam and give up your personal information and/or payment.
- To the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) by calling 1-800-366-4484 or submitting a report on their website at:
https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml
- To the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by submitting a complaint on their website at:
<https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>

Do not become a Victim!

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