



Beware the IRS scam

There is a telephone scam making the rounds in which a caller claims to be from the IRS and either demands payment on taxes owed or says you are entitled to a large refund. They may even alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Please be aware that the IRS will NOT initiate first contact with you about taxes owed through a phone call.

Always be wary of unsolicited phone calls in which someone claims to represent a business or government entity and aggressively demands payment. The IRS does not operate this way and will always send official correspondence through the mail to make its first contact with you.



Additionally, it is important for you to know that the IRS

- Never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone.
- Never insists that taxpayers use a specific payment method to pay tax obligations.
- Never requests immediate payment over the telephone and will not take enforcement action immediately following a phone conversation. Taxpayers usually receive prior notification of IRS enforcement action involving IRS tax liens or levies.

If you feel you have been targeted by this scam, please contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the incident at 1-800-366-4484.

To protect yourself from this and other scams, please remember: whether it's a call, email, letter or visitor to your door, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



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