



PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: TAX FRAUD

We've received several calls on this and since tax time is upon us we wanted to put out some information to hopefully stop people from being scammed.

THE IRS DOES NOT

-Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.

-Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

-Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

-Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

**You should report instances of IRS-related phishing attempts and fraud to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

Link to IRS page <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>