

## Be Alert to Tax Scams

In recent years, thousands of people have lost money and had their personal information compromised due to tax scams and fake IRS communications.

### **The IRS will NEVER:**

- **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 immediately bring in local police** or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- **Demand you pay taxes 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.**
- **The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers** by email, text messages or social media to request personal or financial information. The **IRS does not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment or other enforcement action.**

Please share this information with others and check out *Consumer Alerts at the [IRS Website](#).*

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