

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: www.irs.gov.

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