

Tax Scams



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- Scammers posing as IRS claim that you owe back taxes via letter, phone or email
- Fake notices that claim you owe money as a result of the Affordable Care Act
- Threaten arrests unless purported tax debts aren't paid immediately by wiring money or sending a prepaid gift card



IRS Warns New Tax Bill Scams



<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/irs-warns-new-tax-bill-scam>

Tax Scam Letters

IRS Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Wrong → AUSTIN PROCESSING CENTER
P O BOX 15264
AUSTIN TX 78761-5264

CP 2000
Wrong → 13151 WOODTREK
HOUSTON TX 77015

Notice CP2000
Tax Year 2015
Notice Date 2016-08-26
Social Security ~~336524~~
To contact us ~~336524~~
Your Caller ID 336524
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Changes to your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return

Balance due: \$325.00

As a result of examination we have made adjustments to your federal income tax return for the tax year ending 12-2015. As a result, you owe the amount indicated above.

Please pay immediately to avoid additional interest and penalties.

Summary

Balance before this change	\$0.00
Increase in tax	\$325.00
Balance due	\$325.00

What you need to do

should be United States Treasury
Wrong

If you agree with the changes we made

- Send us your payment as soon as possible for the total amount due indicated above. Make your check or money order payable to "I.R.S." and mail it to the address indicated on the payment coupon.

If you do not agree with the changes

- You may send us your payment immediately to avoid additional interest and penalties. Please write a short explanation telling us why you disagree and enclose it with your payment. If we determine you did not owe this balance, we will process the refund with your next income tax refund or credit it to any future balance due you may have.
- If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this notice, we will assume you agree with the changes we made.

Tax Scam Emails



Tax Return Notification

Dear Taxpayer,

I am sending this email to announce: After the last annual calculation of your fiscal activity we have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax return of: \$273.48

In order for us to return the excess payment, you need to create a e-Refund account after which the funds will be credited to your specified bank account.

Please click "Get Started" below to claim your refund:

[Get Started](#)

We are here to ensure the correct tax is paid at the right time, whether this relates to payment of taxes received by the department or entitlement to benefits paid.

Tax Scam Emails

- The IRS will never contact you via email!
- Do not click on any links in emails sent from someone claiming to be the IRS.
- Clicking on the links in the email will install malware or spyware on your computer.
- Forward the email to phishing@irs.gov and then delete.



IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS

on the rise

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the government agency that collects federal taxes.

Scammers pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money.



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HOW THE SCAM WORKS



You get a call.

IRS

Your caller ID might show it's the IRS calling.



The caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

You are told:



“you owe money.”



“you better pay now,
or you’ll be arrested.”



“put money on a prepaid
debit card or wire it to us. ”

If you pay...

You find out it
wasn't the IRS.
It was a scam.



The money is gone.

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- Remember, the IRS will NOT
 1. Call to demand immediate payment over the phone.
 2. Call or email to verify your identity or financial information.
 3. Demand you pay taxes without having the opportunity to question or appeal.
 4. Require a specific payment method for your taxes.
 5. Ask for credit or debit card numbers by phone or email.

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