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IRS Impersonation Scams

The IRS **DOES NOT** *initiate* contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords, or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

Email- Don't reply, don't open any attachments, don't click on any links. [Forward](#) the email as-is to us at phishing@irs.gov. Don't forward scanned images because this removes valuable information and Delete the original email

Phone Calls-Record the employee's name, badge number, call back number and caller ID if available, Call 1-800-366-4484 to determine if the caller is an IRS employee with a legitimate need to contact you, If not, report the incident to [TIGTA](#) https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml and to us at phishing@irs.gov.

Letter, paper mail/Fax- call 1-800-829-1040 to determine if it's legitimate, If it's not legitimate, report the incident to [TIGTA](#) and to us at phishing@irs.gov.

Text Messages-Don't reply, Don't open any attachments. They can contain malicious code that may infect your computer or mobile phone, Don't click on any links. If you clicked on links in a suspicious SMS and entered confidential information, visit our [identity protection](#) page, Forward the text as-is, to us at 202-552-1226. **Note:** Standard text messaging rates apply, If possible, in a separate text, forward the originating number to us at 202-552-1226 and Delete the original text.

This information is also found on the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Report-Phishing>

Also, if you've experienced any monetary losses due to an IRS-related incident, please report it to the [Treasury Inspector General Administration \(TIGTA\):](#)
https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

All people are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of Law