

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.






HOW THE SCAM WORKS


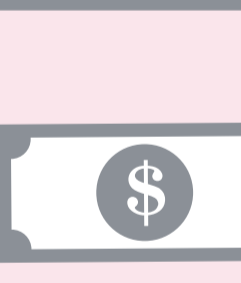


WARNING SIGNS

How will the IRS first contact you?

phone call 	NO
email 	NO
mail 	YES

How will the IRS ask you to pay?

with a prepaid debit card 	NO
with a money transfer 	NO
won't require a specific type of payment	YES

GOT A CALL?

- Don't give the caller information** such as your financial or other personal information.
- Write down details** such as the number and name of the caller.
- Hang up**
- Contact the IRS directly** If you're worried the call is real, contact the IRS directly at **800-829-1040** or go to **irs.gov**.
- Report the call** File a complaint with:
 - the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at **tigta.gov** or **800-366-4484**.
 - the FTC at **ftc.gov/complaint** or **877-FTC-HELP**.
- Warn friends and family** Tell people you know that these calls are scams.




ftc.gov/IRSImposters

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