



**BE SMART!**

# ***IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS***

**What to know about them and how to avoid them**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

A person calls and says they are a representative from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

### **🚩 SEE THE RED FLAG!**

They say you owe back taxes and that you need to pay immediately or else you'll be arrested, sued, or deported.

## **WHAT TO KNOW**

- **The IRS will contact you by mail.**
- Scammers use technology to alter caller ID. The phone numbers can appear to be from government agencies.

## **BE SMART!**

- **DO NOT send any money!**
- Guard your personal and financial information very closely. Share only with trusted persons.

## **WHERE TO GET HELP**

- Tell a friend or family member.
- File a report at [uspis.gov](https://www.uspis.gov) or call 1-877-876-2455. Our investigation starts with your report. If you have been targeted or fallen victim to a scam, take action to help yourself and safeguard others.



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