

ALERT BULLETIN

IRS SCAM



Don't Be A Victim!



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TYPE OF SCAM

A telephone call from a very official sounding person (male or female).

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCAM

The call is from an area code which usually is outside the Chicago area, but not always. The scam artists now are using a new trick to try to make you believe they are the IRS. They are “spoofing” your Caller ID so that it appears to be a call from the 202 area code which is Washington, D.C. They may also “spoo” your Caller ID so that it shows the letters “IRS” as the incoming call.

The caller first identifies himself/herself as being from the IRS.

If you answer the call, the caller will tell you that you owe the IRS taxes and penalties. The caller will then demand that you wire the money to an account they give you or to an address or P. O. Box. They may go so far as to demand your Social Security Number (supposedly to verify your identity) and your bank account number. Then they tell you that *they* will automatically withdraw the taxes and penalties from your account. The scammer goes on to say that if you do not comply within 24 hours, legal action will be taken to collect the money owed to the IRS.

If you have voicemail, the message will go something like

this ... *"Hi this is Jane Doe from the IRS with very time sensitive information about the penalty tax that you have pending. If you do not respond within the next 24 hours, legal action will be taken against your properties to collect the tax penalty you owe. Please call xxx-xxx-xxxx immediately"*.

Subsequently you will get another call with the same demand. The caller will demand that you wire the required taxes or penalty immediately to a certain address or wire it to an account.

WHAT THE SCAMMER WANT\$

MONEY! The scammer expects you to wire or send the money to him/her.

YOUR RESPONSE

HANG-UP! Do not engage the caller. And, whatever you do, **DO NOT PAY** and **DO NOT DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION**. If the scammer's phone number is displayed on your Caller ID write it down.

Remember, the IRS **WILL NOT** call you to request your Social Security Number, Bank Account Number, Credit or Debit Card Number, or any other account number that would identify you. The IRS **WILL NOT** ask you over the phone to send them money, either. The IRS communicates in writing through the U.S. Postal Service.

VICTIM OF THIS SCAM

The IRS recommends that you contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at **1-800-366-4484**. Give

them the "Caller ID" information as this will help the IRS.

FURTHER INFORMATION

These are the IRS links which explain the scam in full detail.

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Warns-of-Pervasive-Telephone-Scam>

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Repeats-Warning-about-Phone-Scams>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Illinois Attorney General: 800-386-5438

Lisle Police Department: 630-271-4200

To Report an Incident Contact

**Lisle Police Department
630-271-4200 or 911**

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