



## TIPS to Share

# Scammers try to Trick Taxpayers

Criminals may impersonate government or collections officials & send official-looking requests for payment to resolve an outstanding debt or issue.

### They may:

- Send emails that appear to be from a legitimate company but are not.
- Pose as an IRS agent and state that the taxpayer is linked to criminal activity.
- Threaten or harass the taxpayer by telling them that...  
...they **must pay** a fake tax penalty.



### Prevention TIPS

### The IRS will Never:

- Never: demand payment using gift cards, prepaid debit cards, or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will mail a bill to any taxpayer owing taxes.
- Never: demand that taxpayers pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they owe.
- Never: threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.



**Be Fraud AWARE...**

from the Fraud Aware Team

Access the complete tax tip at: [irs.gov/newsroom](https://irs.gov/newsroom)  
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Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety