



# IRS WARNS OF PHONE SCAM

## DON'T BE A VICTIM!

Scammers prey on victims by saying they owe the IRS money. They insist victims pay immediately through a pre-loaded credit card or wire transfer to avoid arrest.

### REMEMBER:

1. The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill
2. The IRS will never demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe
3. The IRS will never require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card
4. The IRS will never ask for credit or debit card numbers, PINs, passwords, or similar confidential access information over the phone
5. The IRS will never threaten to bring local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying



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