

## Alert: Over \$5M Lost So Far

\$5M and counting; that's what the Treasury Inspector General says US citizens have paid to tax scam fraudsters this year alone...and the situation is escalating every day.

This is not an arms-length issue. We're getting calls from clients who are currently scam targets as well as savvy business colleagues who are being approached by the IRS scam shakedown artists.

We know that you are busy and may believe you are current on the latest tax scams. But, please stop and read this update to make sure that you are. And if you get an email or phone call from the IRS trying to collect money or requesting your personal identity information, do not respond.

Here are sources that will make quick work of being current and prepared to avoid the IRS tax scam machine that's trying to reach you:

Read this short Forbes article about what the US Treasury is calling "the largest scam of its kind that we have ever seen." – [see TIGTA, IRS Warn Phone Scam Continues As Fraudsters Rake In Millions.](#)

Check here for quick facts about how fraudsters will attempt to reach you and the tricks they will use on the phone and in email. You will also find out about the phony arguments and threatening tactics they will use to get what they want. [Read IRS Tax Scam Consumer Alerts \(August 2014\)](#) - which includes info on where to report scams.



### Things to Remember:

- The IRS does NOT send email requesting information such as your SSN, bank account or other identifying data that is personal.
- If you receive an email inquiry that looks like it comes from the IRS, don't respond.
- The IRS does NOT use phone calls to threaten arrest, deportation or other legal actions in order to collect monies.
- If you receive a threatening call that claims to be the IRS, hang up.
- If you are concerned, confused or uncertain about a contact from the IRS, give us a call. We're here for your peace of mind. [Contact Us](#)

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