



## **Don't Get Scammed!**

### **2016 Tax Scam Alert**

**We can't say it too strongly - and we can't say it often enough: Please stay vigilant about tax scams. They are especially rampant this time of year. Here are two important reminders from the IRS and please take a moment to read and remember them.**

#### **Phishing Remains on the IRS "Dirty Dozen" List of Tax Scams for the 2016 Filing Season**

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen says, "the IRS won't send you an email about a tax bill or refund out of the blue. We urge taxpayers not to click on any unexpected emails claiming to be from the IRS."

Scam emails and websites also can infect your computer with malware without you even knowing it. The malware can give the criminal access to your device, enabling them to access all your sensitive files or track your keyboard strokes, exposing login information.

[Learn more important details in this IRS alert](#)

## Phone Scams Continue to be a Serious Threat in 2016

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen says, "we continue to say if you are surprised to be hearing from us, then you're not hearing from us."

Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain a major threat to taxpayers, headlining the annual "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams for the 2016 filing season, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

The IRS has seen a surge of these phone scams as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. The IRS reminds taxpayers to guard against all sorts of con games that arise during any filing season.

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If you have even a slight suspicion that something is a scam then stop and [call us](#) for a checkpoint conversation. We are here to help.

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