

IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the government agency that collects federal taxes.

Scammers pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money.

How the scam works

Your caller ID might show it's the IRS calling.

The caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

“You owe money.”

“You better pay now or you'll be arrested.”

“Put money on a prepaid debit card or wire it to us.”

You find out it wasn't the IRS. It was a scam.

Warning signs

Phone call	With a prepaid debit card
Email	With a money transfer
Mail	Won't require a specific type of payment

Got a call?

Don't give the caller information

such as your financial or other personal information.

Write down details

such as the number and name of the caller.

Hang up

Contact the IRS directly

If you think you may owe back taxes, call the IRS at **800-829-1040** or visit **irs.gov/balancedue**.

Report the call

File a complaint with:

- the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at tigta.gov or 800-366-4484.
- the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or 877-FTC-HELP.

Warn friends and family

Tell people you know that these calls are scams.

ftc.gov/imposters

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