



STOP Identity Theft & Tax Fraud

The Vermont Department of Taxes often communicates with taxpayers by email or telephone. If you are in doubt whether an email or phone call is genuine, call (802) 828-2865.

For more information, visit www.bit.ly/idtheftfraud

As of October 2015, the Vermont Department of Taxes stopped more than \$1 million in attempted refund fraud for the 2014 tax year.

DO NOT . . .

- ◆ give out personal information over the phone or email.
- ◆ engage in conversation with a caller asking for your personal information—hang up!
- ◆ open attachments in suspect emails—delete the email!
- ◆ click on links in emails that claim to send you to government agencies that sound legitimate.

DO . . .

- ◆ respond immediately to a mailed notice from a federal or state tax agency telling you someone has filed in your name.
- ◆ as soon as possible, contact the following if you believe you have become a victim of identity theft or tax fraud:
 - ◆ Internal Revenue Service
 - ◆ Vermont Department of Taxes
 - ◆ Your tax professional

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