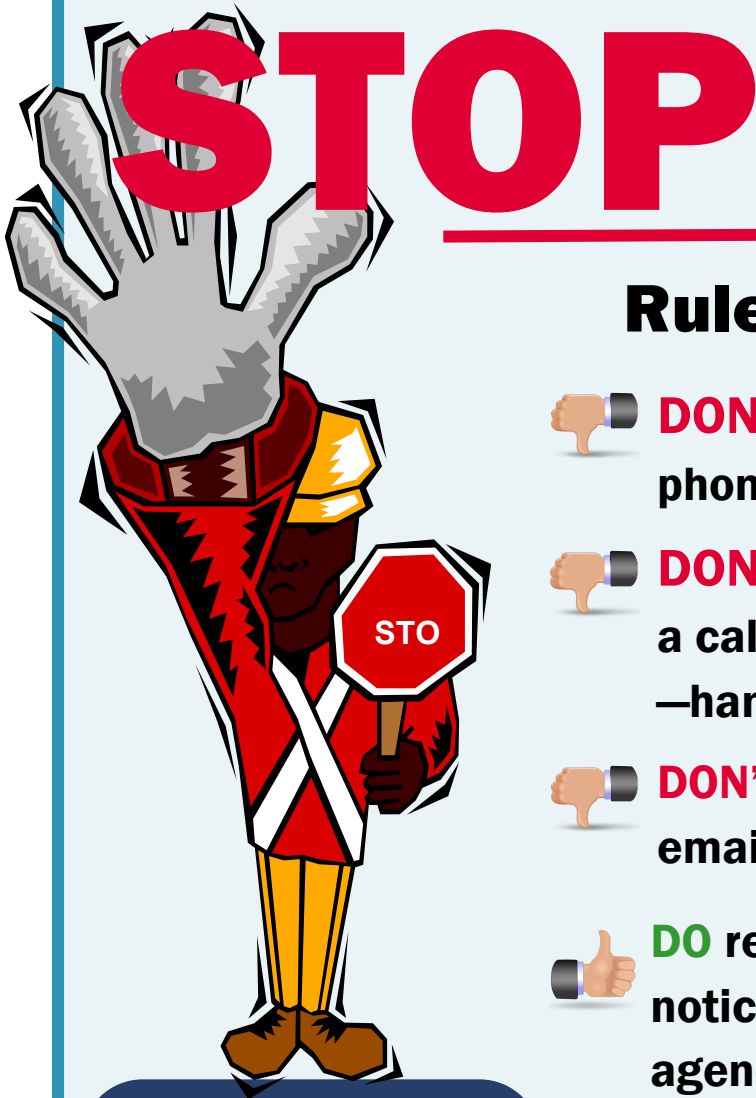
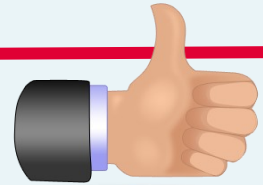


Be on Guard! Identity Theft & Tax Refund Fraud Threatens Vermonters



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Rules of Thumb



DON'T give out personal info over the phone or email.



DON'T engage in conversation with a caller asking for your personal info—hang up!



DON'T open attachments in suspect emails or click links—delete the email!



DO respond immediately to a mailed notice from a federal or state tax agency telling you someone has filed in your name.



DO contact federal and state tax agencies and your tax preparer if you believe you have become a victim of identity theft or tax fraud.

NOTE: The Vermont Department of Taxes may communicate 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, see www.bit.ly/idtheftfraud