Phone scammers are posing as the IRS

HANG UP!

Beware the Tricks of the Scammer

POSES as IRS personnel, law enforcement, or other state or federal agencies
ALTERS caller ID to appear to be the IRS
EMAILS bogus IRS messages
APPEARS legitimate by knowing your personal information, such as Social Security Number and birthdate
USES hostile language to intimidate
THREATENS arrest and lawsuits
CREATES urgency — “Pay now or else!”
DEMANDS payment using a prepaid debit card or asks for your credit card account

How will the IRS first contact you?

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What You Should Do If Contacted

HANG UP immediately if contacted by phone. Do NOT engage the caller in conversation.

DELETE the email if contacted online.

- Do NOT reply.
- Do NOT open attachments.
- Do NOT click on links.

REPORT scam calls to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at treasury.gov/tigta.

BE ALERT to scammers posing as personnel from the Vermont Department of Taxes.
Learn more about cyber-crime, identity theft, and fraud at tax.vermont.gov/identity-theft.

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