

ALERT

IRS SCAM CALLS!

Heads up for anyone who's gotten a phone call about back taxes.

The IRS published its annual scam list this year and the headline change was AI. Scammers are cloning voices and spoofing caller ID, so the number on your screen can read like a real IRS line and the voice on the other end can sound like a real person reading from a real file.

Most of us were taught the rule that the IRS never calls. **That rule is out of date, and the scammers know it.**

The IRS does assign older balances to private collection agencies, and a real one can call you. But it only happens in this order:

1. The IRS mails you a **CP40** notice telling you that your account went to a private agency, and it names which one.
2. That agency mails you its own letter.
3. Both letters carry the same Taxpayer Authentication Number.
4. Only after both of these letters does anyone pick up a phone.



If you get a call and you never got those two letters, it's a scam. If the caller can't match the number on your letters, it's a scam. If the company name doesn't match the one the IRS named in writing, it's a scam.

Two things nobody legitimate will ever do: #1. They won't ask for gift cards, crypto, or a wire transfer. **#2.** They won't tell you the police are on the way today. Real IRS collections begins in the mail.

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When in doubt, hang up and call the IRS yourself at: 800-829-1040.

For anyone wondering why I'm posting this, I'm an Enrolled Agent located in Blairsville, GA and Nashville, TN. I'm enrolled to work in all 50 states. I handle IRS collection cases for a living. I'm tired of watching people get scammed over this. It's happened to people I know personally.

So, if a call or a letter shows up and you're not sure whether it's real, I'm happy to look at it for you. Doesn't cost you anything and it takes me 10 minutes.

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