

County of San Bernardino Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) SCAM ALERT

## Scam: IRS Spam Emails Economic Stimulus Rebate Checks Target: All consumers

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is warning consumers about recently reported spam email, reportedly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which is actually an attempt to steal consumer information.

The spam message contains a hyperlink to a fraudulent form which requests the recipient's personal information, including bank account information. To convince consumers to reply, the email warns that a failure to complete the form in a timely manner will delay the issuance of the Economic Stimulus Rebate check.

An example of this spam email: Over 130 million Americans will receive refunds as part of President Bush's program to jumpstart the economy.

Our records indicate that you qualified to receive the 2008 Economic Stimulus Refund.

Please follow the link, fill out the form and submit before May 10th, 2008 to ensure that your refund will be processed as soon as possible.

Do not open emails from unknown senders. Do not complete any unsolicited forms from unknown senders.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.