



SCAM ALERT

Scam: Income Tax Collection Calls

Target: All Seniors

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a warning regarding a group of criminals who are telephoning taxpayers and impersonating IRS agents. These scam artists may have tampered with the Caller ID feature on your telephone to make it appear as if the IRS is calling. These callers may state that you owe delinquent taxes and threaten arrest, deportation and/or suspension of your drivers license unless you provide immediate payment over the telephone.

These criminals may call back numerous times and pretend to be Law Enforcement or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) officials or send emails appearing to be from the IRS claiming the need for debt collection. *Do not respond to these calls or emails. This is a scam!*

Scam Artists threaten Seniors with legal action if phantom taxes are not paid!

The IRS recommends that you protect yourself and your personal information by:

- Knowing that the IRS, Law Enforcement and USCIS do not initiate contact through email, text messages or social media.
- Politely asking for their call back information and then hang up.
- Never opening any attachments in unexpected emails that say they are from the IRS.
- Contacting the IRS directly if you have concerns about your account.
- Being aware that the IRS will never ask for your Personal Identification Number (PIN), password, or any confidential access information for your credit or bank accounts.

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.