



Tax-Related Phone Scams Still Prevalent

As the end of the year approaches, people still need to beware of phone calls claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS has formal processes in place for people with tax issues. The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal
- Require you to use a specific payment method
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers
- Threaten to bring in law-enforcement

As this continues to be a problem, we would like to remind you to please stay alert when receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS provides the latest information on what to look for and how to stay vigilant on their website at www.irs.gov

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, you should:

- Call the IRS at 800-829-1040, if you think you might owe taxes.
- Report the incident to the Treasury Inspector for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-336-4484.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Compliant Assistant" at www.ftc.gov