

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHONE SCAMS AT TAX TIME

Tax season is prime time for scammers to prey on innocent taxpayers. Understanding these scams and what you can do will help protect you and your money. Phone scams are emerging as one of the most persistent and prevalent problems for taxpayers. Callers are impersonating Internal Revenue Service employees and frightening unsuspecting consumers into providing their personal information.

TurboTax offers taxpayers the following advice to protect themselves from tax time scams.

PROTECT YOURSELF BY KNOWING POTENTIAL THREATS



REMEMBER, THE IRS WILL NEVER:



Call to demand immediate payment



Call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill



Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal



Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone



Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card



Threaten to involve local police or other law-enforcement to have you arrested

REMEMBER



DO NOT provide anyone with personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless their identity can be confirmed.

If you would like to report a phone scam, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484 or www.tigta.gov.

Be Alert to Stay Safe and Secure This Tax Season